





A blue background with a white silhouette of the Chicago skyline at the bottom. Numerous white stars of varying sizes are scattered across the blue field, with some having white curved lines trailing behind them, resembling fireworks or falling stars.

Chicagoans enjoy safest New Year with CTA free rides

Chicago Transit Authority

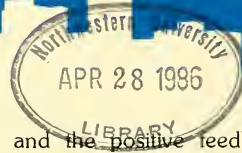
More than 160,000 riders took advantage of safe, FREE rides on CTA buses and trains this past New Year's Eve. This was the first year CTA made free transportation available for its riders. In keeping with the holiday spirit, CTA announced that free rides would be sponsored by Santa Claus. Based on observations of over-night ridership from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., the number of riders was substantially higher during the New Year's Eve free ride hours.

"It was a way to say thank you to our customers for a year of support, and a way to make our roads safer on what is considered a very dangerous evening," said Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "We are pleased at the

large turnout and the positive feedback we received from various organizations, riders, and employees. It really was a success, thanks to the fine job done by our employees who worked New Year's Eve."

Statistics showed a substantial number of riders boarded buses in the Rush Street area. "Hopefully, the celebrants who boarded our vehicles, and innocent bystanders, were saved from needless tragedy," Cardilli said.

As a result of the combined efforts of CTA and other organizations, drunken driving statistics were very low. Only four suspected drunk drivers were arrested throughout Chicago.



WORLD'S LARGEST OFFICE PARTY

They couldn't believe it!

"Terrific!", "Can't Believe This," "Wonderful," "What a great CTA gesture for a great cause."

These were the typical responses from the more than 5,000 persons accepting free rides home on CTA trains and buses from the World's Largest Office Party staged on December 23 in the Hyatt Regency hotel. The free rides home were sponsored by the organizers of the annual event to benefit the Neediest Children's Fund spearheaded by **Wally Phillips**, WGN radio personality.

The free rides, in the form of special CTA transfers valid between 6 p.m. and midnight, were distributed from the CTA's free coffee and donut bar to persons leaving the popular holiday benefit. More than 9000 attended the fifth annual event which benefits Chicago's neediest youngsters and families.

Nancy Ruth, the Hyatt Regency's director of public relations, orchestrated the benefit which featured civic leaders, members of the Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Bulls, Sting, Black



Offering Free Ride Home transfers at 5th Annual World's Largest Office Party are (from left) Jack Sowchin, Evelyn Martin, Juan Puente, Mary Tobin and Dan Kane. Large signs promoting the free rides home were produced by the CTA sign shop at South Shops.

Hawks, and radio and TV personalities who manned booths to help raise funds for the charity.

The CTA had its own cast of stars who distributed the free coffee provided by the hotel and free donuts provided by a local baker.

The celebrity bartenders included **Mike LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services; **Dave Martin**, manager, Control Center, and his wife, **Evelyn**; **Betty Edwards**, manager, Community Affairs; **Jack Sowchin**, director, Publications; **Juan Puente**, bi-lingual community relations coordinator, Community Affairs; **Mary Tobin**, Control Center typist; **Rick Willis**, feature

writer/editorial assistant, Publications, his son, **Keith**, and brother, **Irvin**; **Carol Ruggiero**, transit professional trainee, Public Affairs; and **Don Yabush**, news media coordinator, Public Affairs, and his wife, **Caroline**. Yabush served as project coordinator.

Joining the CTA celebrities were radio personalities **Barry Edwards**, WBBM traffic reporter and disc jockey at the Ultimate Sports Bar & Grill; **Irene Mojica**, WGCI disc jockey, and **Bob Barnes-Watts** of WFYR.

All who manned the CTA coffee bar asked to be at next year's World's Largest Office Party. By the way, the party is listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.



Mike LaVelle, another volunteer staffer, explains use of special transfers to two party goers.



Evelyn Martin presents a free transfer to another party goer as Juan Puente smiles approvingly.

Moment of silence

At 5:15 p.m. on January 28, all CTA buses and trains, which could do so safely, came to a stop for a short period of time, and employees and passengers observed a moment of

silence in memory of the seven astronauts who died in the Space Shuttle disaster that morning. The following is a letter that expresses the feeling of many of our riders:

Dear Editor:

At 5:15 p.m. today (Tuesday, 1-28-86) our Evanston Express train came to an unexpected stop to observe a dispatcher-ordered moment of silence on behalf of the 7 astronauts killed earlier on their space mission. Absolute silence prevailed as, with heads bowed, we felt the national grief and offered prayers.

As with those NASA folks, we have come to take traveling safety for granted...until tragedy reminds us otherwise.

For millions of incident-free passenger miles the CTA deserves recognition and thanks. Its superb safety and service record, taken for granted, is outstanding. Thanks, too, for sensitivity to our feelings.

From Car Number One,

M. R. Crow, EdD.

TRANSIT NEWS-1986

Transit News for 1986 will be printed on a better grade of paper, and two colors will appear on more pages. Our new printing process should also result in more timely delivery to CTA work locations.

While we make these improvements, we must also keep within our budget, so the 1986 *Transit News* will be printed every two months.

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming *Transit News* issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

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Inside News Deadline

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

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From the Chairman

We need your help

For the first time in over four years, CTA has increased fares to help offset rising operating costs and decreasing public funding. Our fare increase is modest when compared with the increasing costs consumers must pay for other goods and services, but the implementation is complex because it includes a rapid transit fare differential and new transfer rules designed to prevent transfer abuse.

In late January, we began the tremendous task of informing operating employees and the riding public of the new fare and transfer procedures. Operations, Training & Instruction, revised numerous reporting forms and standard operating procedures, and instructors at all operating locations diligently trained all supervisors and fare collecting employees to insure a smooth transition on February 9.

Public Affairs launched a massive publicity campaign including brochures, newspaper advertisements, news releases, window cards, posters, and public service radio announcements, and they are continuing to answer telephone inquiries from riders.

We have done our best to inform all concerned of the fare and transfer changes, but now, more than ever, we must rely upon your expertise in working with the public. Consumers have a right to expect good service, and they are always most critical of service when the price is higher. Past experience has shown that we can expect a decrease in ridership immediately following a fare increase, with gradual recovery within six months to a year.

All CTA employees, especially operating employees, must encourage ridership by being thoroughly knowledgeable of the new fare and transfer procedures, and by courteously and patiently answering riders' questions.

Michael Randell



Celebrating retirement as "Day in CTA" honorees are (from left) James M. Fahey, Ted Galus, Orval Porter, Alvin Nichols, Ulysses Jones, and Adelbert Cobb.

Collective service totals 222 years for six in Operations

Honors were heaped upon six outstanding rail and bus operators on "A Day in CTA" as their collective 222 years and five months of loyal service was brought to a close through retirement.

The honorees are South Section motorman **Adelbert Cobb** of the Dan Ryan terminal, 33 years; North Section rail service supervisor **James Fahey**, 37 years; bus operator **Orval Porter**, Kedzie garage, 38 years; bus operator **Ted Galus**, Forest Glen garage, 39 years; bus operator **Ulysses Jones**, 77th Street garage, 38 years, and operator **Alvin Nichols**, 77th Street garage, 37 years.

Cobb said the 1983 and 1984 Third Rail Roundups are his fondest CTA memories. In 1983 he was a Roundhouse 18 finalist, and the following year he was terminal champion.

As he retires he plans to catch up on things that need to be done around the house and do some traveling. Cobb said he wants to visit Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New York, and Mobile, Alabama, his wife **LaRose's** hometown.

Retirement also means travel for **James Fahey** who plans an 11-day

cruise to the Mexican Riviera in February, and a leisurely springtime trip through England and Ireland. Fahey and his wife **Kathleen** have already seen both oceans, but want to "see everything between," he said.

Bus operator **Orval Porter** of the 60-Blue Island route will visit relatives in California, fish in Arkansas and enjoy the greyhound races in West Memphis, Arkansas and Dubuque, Iowa.

"Along with that, 'honey do' will take me over," said Porter, "as in 'honey, do this' and 'honey, do that.'" He and his wife, **Louise**, will be able to spend more time on home improvements.

"There are so many memorable things; it's hard to recall just a few," said Porter. "I'm looking forward to retirement. If I enjoy retirement like I enjoyed CTA, I'll be happy."

The fondest CTA memories for bus operator **Ted Galus** of the 20-West Irving and 69-West Foster routes are being honored as a member of the Million Miler club for safe driving, and being treasurer of the Forest Glen Credit Union for 12 years. Galus, his wife **Marie**, and their four children plan to remain in the Chicago area.

"I was only in the sick book once," said Galus. "Retirement brings mixed

emotions because there wasn't a day I didn't enjoy working. I'm pleased with the recognition that CTA is now giving employees who do an excellent job. They didn't do that in the early days," he said.

Operator **Ulysses Jones** who also wants to travel, said mostly he plans to "enjoy life one day at a time" with his wife **Helen** and their four grown daughters.

Jones said of his 38-year CTA career, "Meeting the public has been very challenging and educational. I learned to deal with the problems of all kinds of people."

Operator **Alvin Nichols**, also of 77th Street garage, said "A Day in CTA" will be one of the fondest memories of his 37-year career.

"It's enlightening to visit the Control Center and see how the whole system works. It helps you to understand the things you don't understand on the street," said Nichols.

"CTA is a good company. The job has treated me well and helped us to raise four children. I've been blessed," he said. Nichols and his wife **Jean** plan to redecorate their home and visit friends and relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

General Attorney announces Claims promotions

CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** has announced the promotions of five members of the Claims department.

The appointees and their new positions are **Charles Marble**, director of Administrative Services; **Michael Vitale**, director, Claims Management; **Mrs. Theresa Sawyer**, superintendent, Claim Files Administration; **Daniel Martorelli**, superintendent, Claims Examination and Investigation; and **John Smith**, supervisor, Claims Examination (bodily injury and property damage).

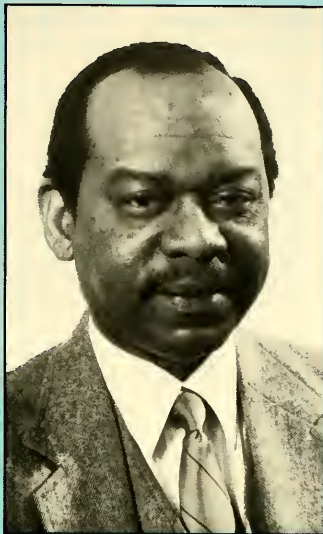
Marble has been serving as superintendent of Claims Administration since 1980. He joined CTA in 1958 as a bus operator and was appointed to the Claims department in 1967. In his new capacity, Marble will be responsible for all administrative services of the General Attorney's office. He and his wife, **Mary Jane**, who is a CTA ticket agent supervisor, live in the Auburn-Gresham community. They have a son and two daughters.

Vitale has been serving as superintendent of Claims Examination and Investigation since 1982. He joined CTA's predecessor, the Chicago Surface Lines, in 1943 as a claims department messenger. Vitale and his wife, **Connie**, live in Skokie. They have two sons and two daughters.

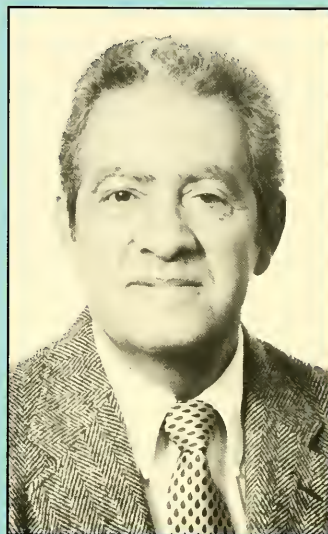
Mrs. Sawyer has been serving as supervisor of Claim Files Administration since 1983. She joined CTA as a claims analyst in 1980. She and her husband, **Ernest**, who is deputy executive director, Planning and Development, have two sons and live in the Beverly area.

Martorelli has been serving as supervisor of Claims Examination (bodily injury and property damage) since 1976. He joined CTA as a claims file clerk in 1949. He and his wife, **Eileen**, have two daughters and live in Harwood Heights.

Smith has served as a claims representative since 1975. He joined CTA as a bus operator in 1955. He and his wife, **Nona**, have six children and live in the West Pullman community.



Charles Marble



Michael Vitale



John Smith



Mrs. Theresa Sawyer

Corner

Humberto Monroy (North Section) was thanked for his help as conductor of an Evanston train by Leon Moses, a professor at Northwestern University. "Some stops into Evanston, I suddenly realized I did not have my briefcase. Mr. Monroy must have observed my distress because he came up and asked if I had lost something. When I told him about having to leave another Evanston train at Howard, he called on his radio, reaching one dispatcher, and then another. He took charge of the situation in a very concerned, competent way. We proceeded to Linden, and there waited for the train on which I had left my case. With his help, I found it."



Robert Maskovitz (North Park garage) was commended for his professionalism as operator of a No. 36 Broadway bus by Donald Shaw, a visitor from Kinnelon, New Jersey. "I asked for and got explicit directions on where I wanted to go. He called out every stop along the way loudly, slowly and clearly. At nearly every stop, someone got on who was unfamiliar with the system. Each one got the same kind, courteous attention I had received. As each group got off, those who exited near the driver were treated to additional kind words and encouragement. This driver is an extraordinary ambassador of good will for your city."

Nathaniel Barton (77th Street garage) was appreciated by Yvonne Thomas, of East 72nd Place, who was a rider on his No. 14 South Lake Shore Express bus. "I heard him answer one lady's question that two buses in front of his were down. I'm sure that helped explain why his bus was packed so tight. A man complained because the driver stopped at all required stops. This driver showed extreme patience and care. He did not respond to the angry man, and used all caution when stopping and changing lanes. We were not jostled forward at any time, and when necessary for the driver to respond, he was most courteous."

Roseann Evans (Archer garage) won the respect of Richard Hammer, an attorney from Northlake, for her help as operator of an early morning No. 62 Archer bus. "An auto apparently hit two lightposts and came to rest on the sidewalk. While I was attempting to determine the condition of the driver, your bus driver stopped to see if she could offer any assistance. By this time the car driver had regained consciousness, but apparently was in shock. Your driver allowed him to enter the bus to keep warm until police arrived. Although there were several other vehicles passing the scene, she was the only one who stopped to help."

Iraj Eghbali (Forest Glen garage) did "a spectacular job" as operator of a No. 85 Central bus, according to Jacqueline Hinton, of North Lotus Avenue. "From the time some rowdy kids boarded the bus at Gale Street, they were a nuisance. After a few stops, the driver approached the group and showed them the door. Many drivers would have overlooked such behavior, but he had guts. He is one of those who do the job well. I just want to tell him to keep up the good work, and stand his ground. If every driver would follow his standards, riders would know they couldn't get away with some of the things that they do."

Rafael Rivera (North Park garage) won the approval of Helen Davidson, of West Albion Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 155 Devon bus. "He was most kind and considerate to me when I was coming from Edgewater Hospital. I got off the Clark Street bus to transfer at Devon. As I was about to cross, the light changed for the bus waiting there to go west, but he saw me running and trying to make it. He waited. Not only was he kind to me, but when a woman in her 80's was trying to get off the bus with her shopping cart, he got up and helped her off. We both blessed him when we left. He deserves a word of thanks."

David Evans Jr. (North Section) caught the attention of Jane Halpert, of North Racine Avenue, for his performance as conductor on a Ravenswood train. "What was so notable was not anything in particular, but his entire attitude. He was cheerful and friendly. He talked and joked with passengers. He admired a young couple's baby. From the time I got on at Adams until I got off at Wellington, he managed to elicit smiles from almost everyone on board. I feel that anyone who can make me smile when I'm cold and tired, and have been working late, deserves a commendation. His courtesy and friendliness were much appreciated."

Jose Portell (North Avenue garage) was called "a very conscientious person" by Mrs. C. Alioto, of North Keystone Avenue, who sometimes rides his No. 72 North Avenue bus early on Sunday morning. "I work at a bakery at Kedzie, not the best area to be in at that time of the morning. He watches till I get into the store, and then drives on. Nowadays, courtesy seems obsolete, but this driver proves it hasn't completely disappeared. My dad and stepdad were both streetcar conductors, between them having 73 years on the cars. Serving the public is not always an easy job, but doing it with a bit of kindness sure helps."

Honor four West Shops retirees

Four veteran West Shops employees were feted by 352 persons attending a retirement party honoring them Dec. 27 in the Diplomat West Banquet Hall, Elmhurst. All four received cash gifts.

The four are **George Christensen**, Unit Supervisor, Radio & Telephone Maintenance, 40 years service; **Ted Szewc**, Supervisor, Signal, Radio & Telephone Maintenance, 40 years; **Mike Rickson**, Supervisor, Office Procedures, 38 years, and **Walter Gaetdke**, Superintendent, Power & Way, 25 years.

Len Wiksten, Director, Facilities Maintenance, was program chairman. Wiksten introduced guest speakers including former Executive Directors **Bernard J. Ford** and **George Krambles**; **George Millonas**, Deputy Executive Director, Maintenance & Engineering; **Thomas Wolgemuth**, Manager, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance, and **Thomas Boyle**, Manager, Safety.



Celebrating retirement are (from left) George Christensen, Walter Gaetdke, Mike Rickson, and Ted Szewc.

More retirements, pages 12-15

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Edward Anderson, 77th Street
Robert Anderson, Kedzie
Emile Andre, 77th Street
Robert Austin, Kedzie

Sandor Barath, District D
Anthony Battaglia, Jefferson Park
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Willie Bobbitt, Limits
Quinshela Brown, 77th Street
Bobby Brown, North Park
Robert Brown, Ashland
Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball
James Butler, North Park
Bobbye Byrd, North Avenue

Deborah Castro, Kedzie
John Christner Jr., Forest Glen
Dolores Cintron, North Avenue
Reola Conwell, 77th Street
Mary Crenshaw, Limits

Arthur Deluna, North Avenue
Bobbis Donald, Structure Mtce.
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

Marian Earwin, Douglas/Congress
Ophelia Ellis, North Park

Fernando Feliciano, Forest Glen
James Fitzgerald, Limits

Jimmy Gamer, 77th Street
George Gavrilos, North Park
Douglas Goard, Howard/Kimball
Roy Goebig, Beverly
Dorothy Graham, Limits

Marcy Hawwat, Howard/Kimball
Gregory Hoard, Forest Glen
Shirley Hobbs Jr., North Park
Douglas Hoffman, North Avenue
Imogene Howard, 77th Street
Gerald Howard, 69th Street

Tony Jackson, Jefferson Park
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Katie Jones, Archer
Mattie Jones, Archer
William Joyce, 77th Street

Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Bahram Khavari, North Park
Robert Kremer, North Park

Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland
James Lewis, 69th Street
Barry Lloyd, Kedzie
Rafael Lopez, North Avenue
Shirley Louis, North Avenue
Gertha Lusby, Kedzie

Hager McFarland, Forest Glen
Jerry Miller, North Park
Leo Monkus, Forest Glen

Humberto Monroy, Howard/Kimball
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
John Moutrey, Forest Glen
Edgar Moya, Forest Glen

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Paul Osipavicius, Archer

Wallace Petersen, Beverly
Terrence Plaskett, 69th Street

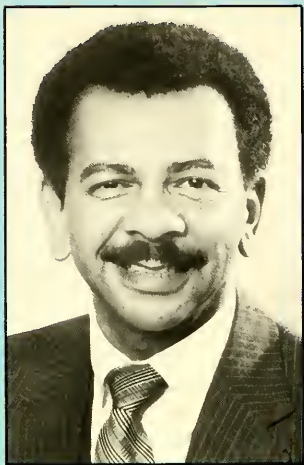
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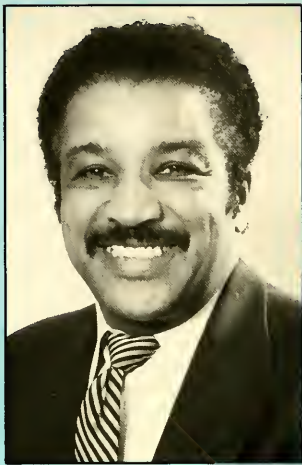
Will Tate, Archer
Willie Taylor, Kedzie
Tamara Thomas, 77th Street
Obell Townsend, Beverly

Paul Vance Jr., Forest Glen

James Walker, Archer
William Ward, Forest Glen
Charles Williams, Kedzie
Russell Williams, Howard/Kimball
Fannie Williams, South Section
Major Woodson, Beverly



Bill Thompson



Thomas Wilson



Charles Hodges

Key promotions in Training/Instruction

Manager, Operations Training/Instruction, Elonzo Hill has announced three key departmental promotions. Named to new positions recently were **William (Bill) Thompson, Thomas Wilson, and Charles Hodges.**

Thompson, formerly superintendent, Bus Instruction, was named director, Personnel Development. Wilson who was assistant superintendent of Bus Instruction, was elevated to superintendent while instructor Charles Hodges replaced Wilson as assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction.

Bill Thompson, of Memphis, Tenn., began his CTA career as a temporary bus operator in the summer of

1961 while he was a student at Loyola University. The Air Force veteran's transportation career has included positions of bus service supervisor, instructor, assistant superintendent of garages, and assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction. In his current job, Thompson assesses the training needs of management and professional personnel in the Operations Division, and develops programs to meet those needs.

Thompson and his wife, Deborah, a histo-technologist at Hyde Park Community hospital, reside in Hyde Park.

Thomas Wilson, of Charleston, West Va., is also an Air Force veteran. He began his CTA career as a bus operator and was later named line in-

structor. He has also held positions of bus service supervisor, bus instructor, and assistant superintendent of garages. Wilson and his wife, Bonnie, a professional barber, reside on the south side. A son, Thomas Kelly Wilson, is a CTA substation attendant.

Charles Hodges, a 30-year CTA veteran, also launched his service as a bus operator at North Avenue garage. He was named bus service supervisor in 1968, and was named instructor in 1975. Hodges and his wife, Barbara, an office manager for Prudential Insurance, are the parents of two sons, Charles, Jr., and Randolph. The family resides on the south side.

IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO

Visitors to the Merchandise Mart are discovering a new and interesting information system displayed in a kiosk across from the main elevators. "IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO" is a viewer-interactive, computerized, video-information system that provides facts about Chicago attractions and services. Chicago Tribune Media Services has installed this system in many larger public buildings.

CTA services are featured in two sections, "Public

Transportation" and "Airport Transportation." Illustrations were designed by Al Grady, graphic designer, Publications Section, and text was written by Terry Hocin, Promotional Services director.

Next time you are in the Mart, give "IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO" a try. It might not be Atari, but it is fun and informative.

Sharon Stevens

She'll do personal best in America's Marathon

Mrs. Sharon Stevens is 35 years old, five feet, seven inches tall, tips the scale at a neat 115 pounds, and runs the marathon in three hours, 50 minutes and 57 seconds.

Mrs. Stevens is satisfied with all her numbers, except the 3:50:57. They should be smaller and she is determined to shrink them as low as she can.

Sharon is the wife of **Tony Stevens**, bus maintenance instructor at Lawndale garage.

Last year she ran in the America's Marathon/Chicago, a grueling 26 miles, 385 yards in length, that attracted 7,679 runners from throughout the world. Of that number, 1,126 were women, and Mrs. Stevens came across the finish line as the 336th woman finalist. In the women's age group of 30 to 39, she finished 143 out of 510.

Her time of 3:50:57 is pretty good when you figure that the first finalist in the race was clocked at 2:07:13. The last runner to cross the finish line did it at 6:14:53.

So why did Tony Stevens' wife wind up in a marathon race?

Tony said his wife took up running more than six years ago as part of her program to give up smoking cigarettes. Since then she has competed in numerous races.

Like many athletes, Mrs. Stevens is prone to injury. This year she is recovering from a leg problem that may keep her out of competition.

Still, like all athletes there is that determination to do a personal best. And who knows where she will be when this year's America's Marathon/Chicago runners cross the finish line.



CHANGES IN INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY

The following changes have been incorporated as a result of the Arbitration Award between CTA and the Labor Unions, 241 and 308. Except where otherwise stated, these changes are in effect from November 8, 1985, per the Award.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE: Increased to \$7,500 for full-time employees with not less than 12 months of continuous service, but less than five (5) years of continuous service.

Increased to \$17,500 for full-time employees with five (5) years or more of continuous service.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Employees on the EAP program (Voluntary Counseling Program) due to alcoholism or drug use, will receive \$200 per week for a maximum of eight (8) weeks. This benefit is allowed only once during the term of an employee's employment.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES: Prescription drugs will be covered at 100% with a \$3.00 per prescription deductible. Drugs covered shall mean any drug or medicine prescribed by a licensed physician, including injectable insulin and contraceptives. Not to be included are contraceptive devices, artificial appliances, hypodermic needles, syringes or similar devices, even though such devices may require a prescription.

Prescription drugs cannot be in excess of a 34 day supply without a necessity of a refill.

Prescription drugs can no longer be used to help meet your yearly major medical deductible.

OUT-PATIENT SURGERY: Elective minor surgery done on an out-patient basis, will be paid at 100% of the reasonable and customary charges. The patient will not have an out-of-pocket cost. A few of the operations that can be performed on an out-patient basis include: Minor hernia repairs, corrective hand surgery, removal of wisdom teeth, biopsies, lesion excision, etc.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS: In addition to the Basic Emergency Room Hospital Benefits we already have, additional out-patient accident benefits, which include doctor's charges, X-ray and laboratory examinations, etc., will be paid in full up to \$300 for expenses which incurred within 90 days of any one accidental injury. Treatment on or to the teeth are excluded in this benefit.

PATIENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM: The effective date of this benefit will be announced at a later date.

Utilization of the Patient Advocate Program will allow employees and their dependents a 100% reimbursement of in-patient hospital charges, which include full cost of a semi-private room, not to exceed 120 days, full payment of services and supplies while confined to a hospital. This benefit covers any illness or injury, including maternity, providing the employee or covered dependent fully complies with the Patient Advocate Program, (precertification, continued stay, utilization review, discharge planning, and for surgical procedures in which a second opinion was obtained). The deductibles do not apply to hospital expenses where the employee or dependent has fully complied with the Patient Advocate Program.

In the event the employee or dependent fails to comply with the Patient Advocate Program, coverage will be provided on a 80%/20% Major Medical co-payment basis, and will be subject to the yearly deductibles.

MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFITS: Major Medical Expense Benefits provide a lifetime benefit up to \$250,000, per family member, with a \$2,000 annual restoration each January 1st.

Medical expenses that are covered under the Major Medical Expense Benefit include: Doctor's out-patient charges, doctor's in-patient charges, out-patient hospital charges (including emergency room

charges) which are not due to an injury, out-patient lab and X-ray charges, in-patient hospital charges where the employee or dependent has not fully complied with the Patient Advocate Program, etc.

MENTAL AND NERVOUS CONDITIONS: Mental and nervous conditions will have a lifetime maximum of \$25,000.

MAJOR MEDICAL YEARLY DEDUCTIBLES: A single employee's yearly deductible will remain at \$100.

The family yearly deductible has been increased to \$200. The family deductible can be satisfied by any family member combination. The yearly deductible can be satisfied by either the Major Medical Expense Benefit or the Dental Expense Benefit, or a combination of both the Major Medical Expense Benefit and the Dental Expense Benefit.

This change is in effect as of 1-1-86.

DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFIT: The Authority will contribute one hundred (100%) of the employees premium cost and seventy-five (75%) of the dependents premium cost. The Maximum Dental Benefit is \$2,000 per year, per family member.

Charges for cleaning and scaling of teeth will be covered at 100% of reasonable and customary charges, and will be limited to one each calendar year.

All covered dental charges are subject to the yearly Major Medical deductibles, i.e., \$100 per single employee, and \$200 for employees with a family. This change is in effect 1-1-86.

SUPPLEMENT TO MEDICARE BENEFITS: The Major Medical maximum benefit for Retired Employees and their eligible dependents, 65 years and older, has increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per individual.



Are you looking for exciting recreational activities, or an opportunity to meet new friends and learn more about CTA? We have just the opportunity for you!

In springtime, CTA employees and families gather to produce winners worthy of international competition. Volunteer help and spectators are always welcome.

Someday soon CTA's champion will bring the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus Rodeo Championship to Chicago. Although the Bus Rodeo is the granddaddy of competitive events, the local Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp require an equal demonstration of knowledge and skill, and are just as exciting.

Deputy Executive Director/Operations **Harry Reddrick** considers the competitions icing on the cake for the outstanding performance of Training/Instruction, where everyone from management to line instructors worked for CTA's safest year ever in 1985. Performance of operating employees has noticeably improved and morale has soared in the years since competition began.

While guidelines may differ slightly, eligibility criteria are basically the same for all events. Contestants must be full-time employees who have worked in their job classifications a minimum of 200 days during the preceding 12 months and have outstanding work records.

Contestants must pass a written examination, and demonstrate their operating skills. They are also judged on appearance and condition of their uniforms, communication skills, knowledge and operation of equipment, and the ability to trouble-shoot.

Performance competitions are planned very carefully

and coordinated by chairmen who are appointed by **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Training/Instruction. The newly-appointed Bus Rodeo chairman is **Thomas Wilson**, also recently named superintendent, Bus Instruction. **Arthur Bennett**, recently named assistant superintendent of the Training Center at Limits, is the newly-appointed chairman of the Ticket Agent TieUp, while **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction, continues to serve as Third Rail Roundup chairman.

CTA employees from all departments, and their families, enjoy assisting as judges, or helping out in various other volunteer capacities. Reddrick said that the members of the assigned competition committees greatly appreciate the assistance provided by volunteers every year.

The Bus Rodeo challenges bus operators with a variety of maneuvers designed to test their dexterity and driving skills, including a rear-dual-clearance maneuver where the rear wheels of the bus must clear a narrow path of tennis balls, and a challenging "Y"-backing maneuver. Other tests include curbing the bus for passengers, and speed and judgement stops. The top 20 preliminary finalists, dubbed the Winning Circle 20, compete in the championship, where a winner and three runners-up are selected based on their scores.

The winner receives an all-expense-paid trip for two (companion of choice) to the APTA Convention and International Bus Rodeo Competition. First through fourth place winners each receive a trophy and savings bonds of \$500, \$200, and \$100, respectively.

In the Third Rail Roundup, conductors and motormen are judged individually at the terminal level, which con-



sists of a written test on CTA rules and procedures, uniform appearance, preparing a train for service, clearing trouble-shooting problems, and communicating effectively with the controller.

The nine conductors and nine motormen with the highest scores advance to the Roundhouse 18, and are paired into teams through a lottery. The teams then go on to the second level of competition, where 14 service conditions will be recreated for the final test. The 1986 Third Rail Roundup championship team will be rewarded with trophies and each member will receive a trip to Toronto, Canada, with a guest of their choice. Members of the second-place team will each receive trophies and \$500 savings bonds.

The Ticket Agent TieUp preliminary evaluates agents in 40 daily working situations, and the top 10 finalists, called the Free Wheeling 10, vie for the championship. Previously, the Ticket Agent TieUp champion, like other winners, traveled to the APTA Convention and received a trophy. Bennett, who would like to see an increase in applicants for the 1986 competition, said that this year's winner will also visit Toronto with a companion of choice. Trophies and appropriate savings bonds of \$500 and \$200 are also awarded to second and third-place Ticket Agent TieUp winners.

Since 1981, when the first CTA bus rolled onto a Rodeo course, and in later years, when the Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp were established, contestants have claimed many benefits through skill improvements that led to promotion.

One thing is certain: every participant, from contestant to judge and other volunteers, find exhilaration and excitement

Competition Schedule

	Bus Rodeo	Third Rail Roundup	Ticket Agent TieUp
Applications Accepted	March 02 thru March 15	March 09 thru March 22	March 02 thru March 15
Eligible Applicants' Names Posted	March 14	April 06	March 30
Written Tests Administered	March 31 thru April 12	April 13 thru April 20	March 30 thru April 12
Preliminary Competition	June 01 thru June 08	April 27 thru May 04	April 12 thru May 18
Finalists' Names Posted	June 23	May 18	May 25
Final Competition	To Be Announced	June 22	June 22

ment in these competitive events, and must derive satisfaction from being part of it, because they keep coming back year after year.

Maybe, just maybe, it's time you joined the competition force.

After 44 Years

Harold Hirsch (right), manager, Operations Planning, presents a token of appreciation to retiring Graphics Production supervisor **George Macak** whose 44½ year CTA career ended with a festive occasion in his honor. Macak is accompanied by his wife, **June**.



Fiore J. (Phil) Adelizzi (center), Supervisor, Real Estate Services, is surrounded by co-workers who sponsored an open house for him in the

Real Estate/Law department at the Merchandise Mart as Adelizzi retired after 42 years of service. He began his distinguished CTA career as a parttime

ticket agent on August 23, 1943 when he was only a 16-year old high school student. The 58-year old Adelizzi and his wife, **Dora**, will continue to live in their Hoffman Estates home following a sea cruise. Present for the farewell occasion on December 27 were (from left) **Merritt R. Kotin**, Director, Real Estate; **Sandy Kruger**, real estate leasing agent who interrupted a maternity leave for the open house; **Roger Keefner**, building maintenance coordinator; **Adelizzi**; **Michael J. Wrenn**, building maintenance coordinator; **Angelica Barracca**, confidential office assistant; **Phillip Bruno**, real estate concession agent, and **Virginia Hoffstad**, confidential office assistant.

Retirements

Fiore Adelizzi, Real Estate, 42 yrs.
Marie Albano, Claims, 31 yrs.
John Anderson, 69th Station, 30 yrs.
James Andriacchi, West Shops, 34 yrs.
Arthur Battle, No. Avenue Sta., 25 yrs.
Lewis Beaver, South Shops, 39 yrs.
Cecil Bell, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Harold Bober, For. Glen Sta., 30 yrs.
Hubert Burketh, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Bert Cadney, Mgmt. Svcs., 38 yrs.
Eugene Caldwell, No. Park Sta., 26 yrs.
George Christensen, West Shops, 40 yrs.

Adelbert Cobb, 95th St. Term., 33 yrs.
Leon Colbert, 69th Station, 21 yrs.
Donald Crandall, West Shops, 34 yrs.
John Davis, South Shops, 29 yrs.
Leon DeVore, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
Henry Dickerson, No. Terminals, 35 yrs.
Alan Downing, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Charles Dugo, West Shops, 39 yrs.
Albert Evans, West Shops, 27 yrs.
James Fahey, North Sect., 37 yrs.
Charles Ferrante, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Michael Fitzgerald, West Shops, 37 yrs.

Robert Ford, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Walter Gaedike, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Ted Galus, For. Glen Sta., 39 yrs.
Cornelius Gillespie, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Roy Goebig, Beverly Sta., 38 yrs.
Howard Goerner, South Shops, 34 yrs.
Herman Goldman, For. Glen Sta., 41 yrs.
Willie Green, Limits Sta., 36 yrs.
Richard Hannigan, South Shops, 32 yrs.
Walter Harris, Mad./Wabash, 15 yrs.
Samuel Hart, Archer Sta., 32 yrs.
Eleanor Hasbrouck, West Sect., 29 yrs.

January



A Token of Appreciation

Russell Lipari, a Materials Management file clerk with more than 30 years CTA service, accepts a token of appreciation from his supervisor, **Mrs. Ruthanne Miles**, presented on behalf of Lipari's co-workers as he begins retirement. Lipari, of Orland Park, began his CTA career as a bus operator in July 1955. He had a brief stint in the CTA Treasury department before joining Materials Management in February 1984.

Sam Miller, manager, Financial Services, says farewell to his staff as he retires a second time after nearly four years of extended CTA service. Miller interrupted his CTA retirement in October 1982 when his service was requested by the late **Paul Kole**, Depu-

ty Executive Director, Financial Services. Miller, who previously served the Authority for 10 years in Financial Services, is now basking in the sun of San Diego, California. Present for the informal farewell, organized by Miller's secretary, **Mrs. Barbara Parker**,

were (from left) **Judy Weier**, **Jim Connelly**, **Virginia Wendorf**, **Vantane Gosrisirikul**, **John Gander**, **Miller**, the honoree; **Martin Pollack**, **Nancy Kurowski**, **Jae Rowell**, **Frances Calpin**, **Patrick Clifford**, and **James Rose**.



Retirements

January

Jovan Horvatovic, Blue Island, 17 yrs.
Michael Hunt, For. Glen Sta., 19 yrs.
James Hurdle, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
Arthur Johnson, North Sect., 38 yrs.
Ulysses Jones, 77th Station, 38 yrs.
Edward Kelly, No. Avenue Sta., 14 yrs.
Frederick King, 77th Station, 32 yrs.
Frank Klekovich, Ashland Term., 25 yrs.
Tyree Lee, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
John Levanovic, Dist. B, 34 yrs.
Robert Levine, Ashland Term., 33 yrs.
Perry Liddell, Mad./Wabash, 29 yrs.

Russell Lipari, Mtrls. Mgmt., 30 yrs.
Robert Lorentz, No. Park Gar., 36 yrs.
George Macak, Oper's Pline., 44 yrs.
Gordon Maly, Lawndale Mtr. Trng., 39 yrs.
Mario Meccia, West Shops, 15 yrs.
George Michaud, Skokie Shop, 29 yrs.
Samuel Miller, Finance, 3 yrs.
Eddie Mitchell, 77th Sta., 34 yrs.
Ben Montgomery, Mad./Wabash, 18 yrs.
Jammie Morris, Kimball Term., 34 yrs.
Francis Mulree, West Shops, 37 yrs.
Albin Nichols, 77th Sta., 37 yrs.

Wilford Nicholson, 77th Sta., 7 yrs.
Bernhardt Nielsen, West Shops, 43 yrs.
Ross Nuccio, Howard Term., 22 yrs.
Michael Nykolishyn, No. Avenue Gar., 19 yrs.
Helen O'Neill, Mtrls. Mgmt., 14 yrs.
Emile Ousley, West Shops, 25 yrs.
William Park, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Henry Peters, West Shops, 10 yrs.
Kenneth Peterson, Dist. D, 33 yrs.
Leon Poe, South Shops, 35 yrs.
Orval Porter, Kedzie Sta., 37 yrs.
Michael Rickson, West Shops, 38 yrs.



Jean O'Neill displays a sign of the 80-Irving Park bus route which she rode to work daily. Mrs. O'Neill, executive secretary to **Edward Tobin**, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, was reminiscing with friends who gathered at her retirement party which was held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. Formerly employed by the Chicago Rapid Transit company, a CTA predecessor, Mrs. O'Neill had worked in CTA's Materials Management department since 1971.



Portrait of a Transit Family

North Park bus operator **John Golden** (second from left) joined CTA's long list of retirees February 1 after 32 years. More than 122 years in Chicago public transportation careers are represented in this family portrait of March 1943. Included are (from left) Golden's wife of 44 years, **Mrs. Margie Golden**; **John Golden** (military uniform); brother, **James**, a CTA rapid transit motorman retired since 1980; infant nephew (James' son), **James, Jr.**, now a CTA signal

maintainer, who has been a CTA employee for 17 years; mother, the late **Mrs. Sabina Golden**; and father, the late **Thomas Golden**, a Chicago Surface Lines motorman for some 40 years, who was assigned to the old Wrightwood station. John and James Golden both began their CTA careers following brief stints in the U.S. Army during World War II. John served in the European theater, and James, in the Philippines.

Retirements

Frank Riley Jr., 69th Sta., 34 yrs.
Leopoldo Rodriguez, North Sect., 17 yrs.
Raymond Rogers, Dist. A, 35 yrs.
Edward Sapinski, South Shops, 36 yrs.
Paul Sauve, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Francis Schaefer, Archer Sta., 33 yrs.
Clarence Shannon Jr., 77th Sta., 25 yrs.
Paul Schurchay, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Semial Siggers, Racine Shop, 30 yrs.
Monica Starzec, West Sect., 21 yrs.
James Stewart, Engr. & Mice. Equip., 39 yrs.
Carl Suddeth, No. Park Sta., 25 yrs.

Ronald Swindell, Engr. & Mice. Fac., 26 yrs.
Peter Szatkowski, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Thaddeus Szewc, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Caesar Trent, Beverly Sta., 29 yrs.
Anthony Vengrys, South Shops, 23 yrs.
Roy Washington, Archer Sta., 28 yrs.
Charles Whitman, Kedzie Sta., 34 yrs.
John Williams, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Edmund Wojcik, West Sect., 39 yrs.
Gus Wright, Beverly Sta., 31 yrs.
John Zupko, Police Liaison, 39 yrs.

disability retirements

Guisepppe DeRose, Skokie Shops, 18 yrs.
***Ronald B. Donnelly**, Mtrls. Mgmt., 18 yrs.
Frank Johnson, 77th Sta., 19 yrs.
****Herman Johnson**, West Shops, 22 yrs.
***Hazel Love**, South Sect., 11 yrs.
Robert J. Schwent, Kedzie Sta., 16 yrs.
Clarence Speights, Lawndale Sta., 18 yrs.
**Retroactive to 12-1-85*
***Retroactive to 11-1-85*

January

Ronald Swindell (left), director, Power and Way, Engineering, accepts a photograph of the Lake Street Bridge showing the Merchandise Mart in the background. Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance **George Millonas** (right) made the presentation of the photograph which was done by **Ray Radic**, a civil/structural design draftsman, as Swindell was being honored by co-workers on his retirement after 25 years of CTA service.



Gordon Maly, Maintenance Training Center unit supervisor, cuts the cake served to a host of co-workers and

well wishers attending his retirement open house at Lawndale garage, where Maly had worked since the MTC opened its doors in March 1974.



Maly, who helped in the development of the school and was influential in its training programs, retired from a bus repairman on Dec. 11, 1946. He and his wife will maintain their North Riverside home. Present for the December 6 open house honoring Maly were (from left) **James Kinahan**, maintenance training specialist; **Mrs. Florence Salus**, director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Services; **George Millonas**, Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance; and **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.

Retirements

February

William Benuzzi, Kedzie Sta., 34 yrs.
Geraldine Campbell, Law, 43 yrs.
John Curran, No. Avenue Sta., 23 yrs.
John Golden, No. Park Sta., 31 yrs.
Oswald Grigalunas, Beverly Sta., 39 yrs.
Joe Horace, 77th Station, 32 yrs.
Robert Hormel, West Shops, 34 yrs.
Mitchell Jedynek, West Shops, 15 yrs.
Stanley Kuropas, South Shops, 37 yrs.
Leon LeRoy Jr., Beverly Sta., 35 yrs.
Albert McCormick, 77th Sta., 34 yrs.
William Moser, Transp. North, 43 yrs.

Patrick O'Malley, Douglas Term., 24 yrs.
Edward Poche, Dist. B, 25 yrs.
Joseph Pratt, South Shops, 20 yrs.
Vi Robinson, 77th Sta., 29 yrs.
Emil Rusinak, Datacenter, 36 yrs.
Thomas Swoope, 77th Sta., 33 yrs.
Merlin Washack, South Shops, 33 yrs.
Wilson Washington, 77th Sta., 32 yrs.

disability retirements

***James Burford**, Mgmt. Svcs., 21 yrs.
Gloria Danzie, No. Park Sta., 10 yrs.
Zita Dublin, O'Hare Term., 20 yrs.
Andrew Johnson, West Sect., 20 yrs.
John Lowery, South Shops, 15 yrs.
William Miller, Kedzie Sta., 26 yrs.
Roman Ozlanski, West Shops, 17 yrs.

*Retrospective to 1-1-86

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Archer Garage

Congratulations are in order for Archer Operator **Geraldine Davis**, and **Keith Taylor** of 77th street garage who were married in December, and Archer Operator **Leonard Wilkins** who was also married...Archer garage held its annual Christmas party in the training room on December 20, and the Christmas committee was congratulated for an outstanding job by Superintendent **Jay Hampton**. Your news reporter who served as the Christmas committee chairman, would like to thank everyone for participating in this event. I would like to express my thanks for a job well done to the following committee members: **Lena Jackson, Ethel Wilson, Ethel Starnes, Lee Robinson, Barbara Gillispie, Georgia Cook, Fay Patton, Otto Reynolds, James Carson, James Vaughn, Jr., Johnnie Gomilla**, and **Rubin Bolden**. Archer supervisors and District "C" also held their Christmas party in the training room on December 19, and it was a nice affair...Welcome to all the

operators who came to Archer during the System Pick. We're also saying good-bye to retirees **Sam Hart** of 35th Street, and Supervisor **John Levanovic**, posted at Archer and Cicero. Thirty Fifth Street will not be the same without you Sam, and operators who work Cicero will not be the same without Supervisor **Levanovic**. Good luck to you both on your retirement...Welcome back from vacation Operator **Claude Brown Jr.**, who spent a week in Las Vegas and a week at home. Please don't forget about our co-workers who are off sick. Among them are **Bobby Vining, L. Sim**, and **Genaro Escamilla**. A telephone call, or a card would certainly be appreciated. Welcome back to work Operator **Brenda Veely** after recovering from surgery...Our condolences to the families of Operators **Johnnie Gomilla** in the loss of his mother; **James Carson**, his aunt; **J. Ireland**, his mother, and **Sam Hart**, his father. May God be with you always.

Ollie Hoskins

General Office

Ed Tobin, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, has a new secretary. She's **Donna O'Connor** who transferred from Capital Development...We also take this opportunity to welcome **Valerie Townsend** to the Materials Management department. Valerie is a clerk-typist assigned to the Administration section...Off the sick list and feeling better are Materials Management employees **Alicia Feliciano, Diane Gainer** and **Ella Ottis**...Get well wishes to **Lori Muhling** and **Zaven Guediguian**, Materials Management employees. We miss you both...**Billy Thompson**, warehouse worker, Storeroom 20, is very proud of his



daughter **Kim** who was nominated for an honorary award recognition and to have her biography published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1985-86. Because of her accomplishments in community service and academics, Kim was also invited to participate in the 1986 Illinois Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant. Congratulations Kim...Congratulations to new fathers **Jon Roth**, superintendent, Special Services and **Dave Kruger**, director, Treasury; both were presented with baby boys. Good work **Marguerite** (Roth) formerly of the Engineering department, and to **Sandy** (Kruger) who is on leave from the Real Estate department...Congratulations to **Ron Swindell**, director, Power, Signal & Communication Engineering upon his retirement. Ron is moving to Dallas, Texas, and will be working for an engineering consulting firm. Good luck Ron. We're all going to miss you. We like to thank you for all the time and effort you put into ar-

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

Transit News Issue

Inside News Deadline

March-April, 1986.....	March 28, 1986
May-June, 1986.....	May 23, 1986
July-August, 1986.....	July 25, 1986
September-October, 1986.....	September 26, 1986
November-December, 1986.....	November 21, 1986

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

ranging CTA's golf outings throughout the years...Condolences to the **Hess** sisters, **Maria** (Insurance) and **Sue** (Claims/Law), whose father **Harry** passed away...Get well wishes to Manager of Safety, **Tom Boyle**, who recently underwent surgery...A 20-minute movie on "Decision Making" was seen by Materials Management procurement engineers. Refreshments were served afterwards...Retired bus operator **Carl Liljehorn** and his wife **Beulah** want to be remembered to all their friends. They recently moved to Shawano, Wisconsin...It was good to see **Neal Kinnish**, retired chief clerk, 77th Street, visiting his friends at the Mart. As do all retirees, Neal looks great. They're all enjoying the good life...Condolences to the families of retired Supt. of Employment **Raymond Ruzich** whose brother **Dr. Stanley Ruzich** passed away suddenly, and to the family of newly retired **Jean O'Neill**, Materials Management, whose mother **Eva Hartley** died after an extended illness...**Tom Weber**, former Materials Management financial analyst wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all his friends at CTA. Tom writes that he is back in San Antonio, just married, and happy in his new job as financial manager for the Epilepsy Center of South Texas...**Ann Gusich**, retired CTA Cashier, had dinner with **Kay Corcoran** and this reporter. We had a twofold purpose for this celebration, Ann's birthday and

her 10th anniversary since her retirement...Two long time high level shop employees passed away recently. **Lester H. Reichard**, superintendent, Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals, retired in 1965 with 48 years of service, and **L. Gordon Anderson**, superintendent, Shops and Equipment, retired in 1969. Both resided in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and were neighbors. We extend our condolences to their families...Congratulations to **Joe J. Cecala**, supervisor, Field Review, who retired March 1st. A retirement dinner was held at the Villa Ristorante and was attended by many of his coworkers and friends.

Arlene Zittman

North Avenue

Has anyone had any thoughts, comments or suggestions regarding North Avenue's 1985 Christmas party? Now that it is over we have plenty of time to come up with suggested changes, or plans to make our next one even better.

From all appearances, it would seem that we did have a very successful Christmas party. The event was held in a convenient location, Belvedere Banquet hall on West Grand Avenue.

Approximately 220 people attended and guests were welcomed as they entered the hall by various members of the Christmas committee. Various styles of music were heard as two separate bands supplied all the rhythm



Claims/Law utility clerk **Lorna Appleton** and her computer programmer husband **James** (left) became the first-time proud parents of a six pound, ten ounce baby girl (Jessica) on December 28. The baby was born just five weeks after Mrs. Appleton sliced this cake to share with coworkers who honored her November 22, as the mother-to-be made plans for a maternity leave.

necessary to keep our dancing and smiling couples laughing.

If you thought you were seeing double and sat down, you surely had to do a quick blink of confusion as the "spellbinder" also known as **Walter King, Jr.**, performed his wizardry as the host magician for the evening.

The festivities came to a close at 1 a.m. We hope everyone made it safely to their destinations with good feelings and thoughts of returning to our 1986 Christmas festivities.

Members of the North Avenue Credit Union were in attendance along with our station superintendents, **Mr. Baxter**, and **Mr. Catanzaro**. Again, if we can receive recommendations from anyone for new ideas on our next Christmas party, get in touch with someone to share your thoughts.

Committee members for the 1985 event were: **Gail Calloway**, **Robert Wilson**, **Carnell Watt**, **Evelyn Allen**, **Oliver Moses**, **Ed LaBoy**, **Doris Nailor**, and representing the Repair department, **Mr. Alvarez**.

Mike Flores

Taking life easy

Recent out of town CTA pensioners visiting local CTA pensioners included (from left) **Lars Pearson**, and his wife, **Anna** of Mountain Home, Arkansas who helped celebrate the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of their friends **Cal** (formerly of North Avenue garage) and **Ruth Ash** of Elmwood Park, standing with them. Pearson, a retired Lawndale foreman, and his wife also visited with **Bill Medema** of Chicago, formerly assigned at Forest Glen garage.



North Park

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...Maybe that's what the Bismark Hotel's elevators seemed to sound like as their passengers stepped out into the lobby leading to the area reserved for North Park's 1985 Christmas Party. With the musical talents of both a male and female singers' voices accompanying current songs played by a band led by Ken Allison, the dance floor never seemed empty. Yet, every so often, the pace would slow enough to provide an opportunity for those shy to dance individuals to hold each other close and dance as one. Not one to lose a chance at showing his talent, our own **Joe Cobb** took control of the microphone and let loose with some songs he has obviously enjoyed singing previously. Going from table to table among the guests all evening was another of our talented operators, **Sam Favre**. He obligingly took the time to explain what was going to take place, as he performed sleight of hand magic to the applause and laughter of his audience. Also on hand to provide some colorful mementos of the even-

ing were operators **Chester Harris** and **Owen Terry** who took 35MM photographs and polaroid instant photos for those guests who wanted to look at their keepsakes during the evening. Along with the calling of the evening's cash raffle, announced by **David Washington**, came some whoops of surprise as the winners looked around to confirm that they had actually won the various cash awards.

Giving the featured vocalists a break, members of the Christmas Organizing Committee and members of the North Park Credit Union led the audience in singing whole verses of Christmas carols much to the amusement of this reporter who remained silent for a short, short while. Hoping everyone enjoyed themselves, members of the 1985 Christmas Committee would like to hear from all of you regarding suggestions and ideas for our next gala event. This years committee members were: **Vicki Nesbit, Bob Thomas, Michael M. Flores, David Washington, Leonard Lloyd, Rosemary Hoskins Walker, Cornelius Marshall, Sally Oliver** and **J. D. Gaston**.

Have a healthy and safe 1986!

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

Ward Chamberlain, Transp. Pers.
John Tertz Jr., Forest Glen

35 Years

George DeRose, North Avenue
Joseph Fano, Motor Line
Ruth Havlik, Operations Planning
James Irwin, Kedzie
Leon LeRoy Jr., Beverly
Thomas Popek, Safety Prfm. Analysis

30 Years

Albert Godbold, Bldg./Wiring
Edward Levy, 77th Street
Herman Miles, Bus Service

25 Years

Vernon Cannon, 69th Street
Daniel Clinlin, Beverly
Charles Coats, Kedzie
Charles Coffey, Esc. Mtce.
Ronald Gliszczynski, Mech. Mtce.
Ernest Guedel Jr., Forest Glen
Harry Harrigan, Jefferson Park
John Harris, Kedzie
James Johnson, North Avenue
Claude Jones, 77th Street
Ronald Joy, 77th Street
Keith Klein, Campaign Area
Henry Radtke Jr., Sheet Metal
Rudolph Roach, Bus Instruction
Robert Williams, Bus Pers.-North
Thomas Wolgemuth, Fac. Engr. & Mtce.

Service anniversaries in February

40 Years

Charles Dugo, Elec. Testing
Patrick Kenny, Subs. Mtce.

35 Years

Stanley Brown, Forest Glen
Wilbur Cooley, Ashland Terminal
Charles Edwards, West Section
John Levanovic, District B
John Miller, Utility
William Payne, Ashland Term.
Robert Poellnitz, Utility
James Quinn, North Park
Abraham Scarbrough, Bus Service
James Sims, District A

30 Years

Valon Brown, 77th Street
Clifford Coleman, Rail Systems
Frank Goudeau, 69th Street
Bartholomew Kantak, Bus Instr.
Herbert Williams, 69th Street

25 Years

David Alexander, Central Ctg.
Cecil Bell, 77th Street
James Burris, Kedzie
William Claiborne, Bus Pers.-South
Jerald Ferrero, Forest Glen
Allen Fowler, 77th Street
Salvatore Furlin, Forest Glen
John Gallagher, Douglas/Congress
Johnny Gavin Jr., 69th Street
Mary Ann Jagodzinski, Finance
William Kilstrom, Bus Service
John Pitsoulakis, Bus Instr.
Alexander Robertson, District D
Edward Unrein, North Park
Cecil Wood, Engine

North Section Rail

During a visit to the Illinois Railroad Museum in Union, Ill. last summer, ticket agent **Don Liberko** was surprised to find the CTA collection of streetcars there. When this reporter visited the museum several years ago, we were very disappointed because there was only one Brill streetcar which was out of service. Liberko's news calls for another visit to Union, Ill...Ticket agent **Douglas Carr** traveled 2,000 miles on December 12 to attend the wedding of his eldest daughter, **Arlene Reed Carr**. He gave her in marriage to **Kenny Woolfolk**. A reception for about 80 guests followed the lovely church ceremony...Speaking of traveling, ticket agent **Rene Melendez** and his wife, **Marilyn**, took one-year old baby **Eileen Melendez** all the way to Puerto Rico for her baptism which was performed November 10, during the regular Mass at El Salvador Iglesia. Despite the rain for the two weeks they

were there, they visited relatives and friends, and even had an adventure when they took a 15 minute ferry boat ride to Old San Juan. On the way back the sky darkened, the wind rose, and they were mighty glad to get back to land.

Josephine Anderson

South Shops

Herminia and **Mario S. Utreras** are proud indeed of their son, **Mario E. Utreras**, who earned an Exceptional Achievement Award presented by the U.S. Achievement Academy. Less than 10 per cent of U.S. students earn this award. Mario E., who is a junior at St. Rita High School, was also in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He is planning a future in Journalism/Communications. Mario S. is a welder at South Shops. Congratulations.



Site dedication

CTA was represented by Real Estate Director **Merritt R. Kotin** at the December 8 site dedication of the second and third Alexian Brothers Chicago Hospitals which took place at 1530 N. North Park avenue. A marker was erected and dedicated on the original site of Franklin and Market streets (now Orleans and North Park). Papers and blueprints from the files of CTA Real Estate/Law department made it possible for officials of Alexian Brothers to pinpoint the exact hospital border lines. Alexian Brothers sold the site to the Northwestern Elevated Railroad company, a CTA predecessor, during the mid-1890's. Present for the December 8 site dedication were (from left), **Maribeth S. Coleman**, assistant archivist; **Brother Philip Kennedy**, CFA, president and CEO Alexian Brothers Medical Center; **Kotin**, and his wife, **Mrs. Maxene Kotin**.

IN MEMORIAM

Lewis G. Anderson, 81, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-5-44, Died 12-10-85

Joseph A. Baldassari, 69, Veh. Maint.,
Emp. 5-21-47, Died 12-28-85

Giuseppe A. Balice, 92, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-7-43, Died 1-23-86

James J. Burns, 76, Veh. Maint.,
Emp. 2-21-44, Died 1-8-86

Thomas M. Butler, 60, Fac. Engr. Maint.,
Emp. 10-23-74, Died 1-12-86

Martin Caplis, 80, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 11-8-40, Died 12-7-85

Roy H. Croon, 85, Stores,
Emp. 3-5-29, Died 11-11-85

Rosario DeSalvo, 85, North Park,
Emp. 5-5-20, Died 12-16-85

Harold F. Ebeling, 83, Property Acctg.,
Emp. 9-8-18, Died 12-18-85

Chester L. Elke, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-3-42, Died 1-12-86

Peter P. Fleck, 83, West Section,
Emp. 6-5-18, Died 12-26-85

Thomas C. Frei, 85, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-27-25, Died 1-7-86

Joseph C. Gooch, 62, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-15-58, Died 11-22-85

Cecil F. Graves, 61, 95th Street,
Emp. 7-26-51, Died 12-3-85

Martin Griffin, 79, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 8-2-43, Died 1-5-86

John Hegarty, 83, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-24-25, Died 11-15-85

Alfred J. Herman, 87, Limits,
Emp. 1-10-27, Died 12-15-85

Harry J. Hess, 70, Archer,
Emp. 10-1-41, Died 12-8-85

Edwin J. Hojnacki, 71, Archer,
Emp. 5-5-43, Died 12-4-85

Thomas C. Horan, 77, District C,
Emp. 11-17-36, Died 1-26-86

William M. Howe, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-21-47, Died 1-31-86

Arie H. Isack, 64, North Section,
Emp. 1-6-71, Died 1-25-86

Harry P. Jackson, 72, North Park,
Emp. 10-9-73, Died 12-31-85

Joseph R. Jaros, 57, Equip. Eng. & Maint.,
Emp. 11-23-59, Died 1-2-86

Richard C. Lanett, 56, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-28-55, Died 12-85

Earl H. Larson, 76, Archer,
Emp. 10-7-42, Died 1-18-86

Adolph C. Levin, 78, North Sect.,
Emp. 4-16-29, Died 1-26-86

Herbert A. Lippert, 86, North Park,
Emp. 9-27-26, Died 1-4-86

William V. Luby, 83, Electrical,
Emp. 5-8-24, Died 12-13-85

George H. Lumpp, 77, Engineering,
Emp. 6-14-27, Died 1-2-86

James P. Lyons, 71, Mtrls. Mgmt.,
Emp. 9-26-44, Died 9-11-85

Michael J. Malone, 91, Limits,
Emp. 7-24-17, Died 12-3-85

John P. Marshall, 71, 52nd Street,
Emp. 6-5-50, Died 1-14-86

Peter J. Michalewicz, 68, Plant Maint.,
Emp. 10-27-47, Died 1-31-86

Joseph Mullarkey, 80, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-29-46, Died 1-23-86

Ann Murphy, 84, West Section,
Emp. 6-14-40, Died 1-29-86

Charles A. Nicodemus, 87, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-25-29, Died 11-30-85

Ira L. Nubie, 84, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 10-15-23, Died 1-28-86

Harry F. Osowski, 75, North Park,
Emp. 3-11-46, Died 12-14-85

Henry A. Praiter, 88, Claim
Emp. 2-19-23, Died 1-5-86

Edith E. Riddle, 81, Claim,
Emp. 10-22-28, Died 1-20-86

Samuel W. Rini, 70, Transportation,
Emp. 12-23-42, Died 12-20-85

James D. Riordan, 69, Plant Mtce.,
Emp. 6-7-48, Died 12-29-85

John Rudy, 71, Veh. Maint.,
Emp. 8-8-47, Died 12-30-85

Irvine F. Schank, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-19-43, Died 1-14-86

Charles P. Speechley, 93, Electrical,
Emp. 2-2-26, Died 1-29-86

Joseph Stary, 90, Lake Street,
Emp. 5-24-44, Died 1-25-86

Walter Tessman, 78, Keeler,
Emp. 6-26-29, Died 1-23-86

Sam Thomas, 63, Washington,
Emp. 2-20-56, Died 1-26-86

Emmett J. Tierney, 93, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-27-15, Died 12-25-85

George W. Wade, 81, West Sect.,
Emp. 3-10-43, Died 12-31-85

Paul M. Ward, 77, West Shops,
Emp. 5-18-48, Died 1-21-86

William E. Ward, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-12-57, Died 1-10-86

Frank H. Wilke, 87, 69th Street,
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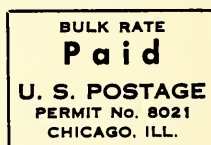
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Riders began enjoying a new level of fare-paying convenience on March 30 when CTA introduced its new 14-Day Pass, which features the same unlimited riding benefits as the already-successful Monthly Pass.

Each 14-Day Pass is valid from 3 a.m. on the first Sunday of the riding period until 3 p.m. of the Sunday two weeks later. The new passes are sold through more than 500 convenient locations, including Jewel Food Stores and currency exchanges which also sell monthly passes. 14-Day Passes are sold from the Thursday before through the Tuesday after the Sunday that begins the riding period. Riding periods begin on Sunday, March 30, and every second Sunday thereafter.

The price of the full-fare 14-Day Pass is \$23.00, or one-half the price of the \$46.00 Monthly Pass. Pass holders enjoy unlimited CTA riding



In a new 30-second commercial, local actors (clockwise from top left) Ken Earl, Margaret Mulkey, Barbara Sullivan, and Allan Westbrook introduce television viewers to the convenience and time and money savings offered by CTA's new 14-Day Pass.

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14-Day Pass

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with two exceptions: they must pay a 20-cent surcharge when boarding southbound Evanston Express trains in Evanston, and a premium fare of \$1.35 is charged for all-day riding on CTA's Culture Bus service which will operate on Sundays and holidays from May 15 through September 28. Reduced-fare passes for disabled riders and senior citizens (with proper RTA identification) are sold for \$11.50 (14-Day) and \$23 (Monthly).

"We are pleased to introduce the new 14-Day Pass to give our riders the opportunity to have unlimited riding privileges without having to pay the full monthly rate," said CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "In this way, riders who do not work the full month and those who prefer smaller payments, can still avail themselves of the unlimited rides."

CTA began selling Monthly Passes in February, 1978, through companies which sold them to their employees, and began selling individual passes through retail outlets in January of 1980.

Monthly Pass sales have grown continually since that time, and a record number of more than 132,000 full-fare Monthly Passes were sold in March of this year.

Several promotional efforts are designed to insure rapid public acceptance of the 14-Day Passes. Car card ads designed by Alan Grady, Publications Section, began appearing in CTA vehicles and stations in early March, and new radio commercials created by the Promotional Services section also feature the 14-Day Pass.

During May, Chicago television stations will begin airing a new CTA 30-second commercial promoting the convenience and low price of the 14-Day Pass. Tony Ambut, Com-

munications section, produced the commercial with the services of a Chicago-based video production company. Four local actors portray CTA riders who save time and money and don't have to search for change while using the 14-Day Pass.

Several CTA employees also enjoyed a unique opportunity to voluntarily serve as extras during the TV commercial filming, which took place March 8 at the LaSalle/Van Buren Inner elevated station and the O'Hare rapid transit terminal. This was the most cost-effective commercial ever produced by CTA, because production and supervision were handled in-house.



Appearing as extras in the 14-Day Pass commercial are (from left to right) Bruce Schmitz, 'B' electrician, West Shops, Cookie Jacobs, key-punch operator, Datacenter, and Cynthia Davis, data entry operator, Revenue Accounting.



Extras (from left) Cookie Jacobs, Cynthia Davis, and Carol Jackson, key punch operator, Datacenter, touch up their makeup before videotaping.



CTA's producer, Tony Ambut (right), communications coordinator II, Communications section, plans train movements for videotaping with Rail Supervisor William Haase and Switchman Arlene Hudson. Other rail employees assisting in train movements included Switchmen Marian Earwin and James Ward.

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Conductor revives breathless infant

As the West Northwest 'L' clipped along its southbound route towards the Dearborn Street subway late in the evening of March 25, a young mother aboard the train sat holding a sick infant boy.

The child's skin was pale, almost snow white, and there were tubes in its nose. The baby appeared lifeless, and the mother, who had boarded at Damen Avenue, was in a near state of shock.

At Division, another young woman approached Conductor **Cleo Jackson Loftus** who that night would make the evening news, the morning headlines, and bring a sense of pride to CTA. "There is a lady who needs help; her baby has died," the woman told the conductor.

Over the train's PA system, Loftus asked if there was a doctor, or nurse aboard. When she got no response she notified the control center of the problem, and went to assess the situation for herself.

"I could see that the baby had no color, so I began to feel the child's skin to see if there were any signs of rigor-mortis," said Loftus, who was trained in the application of cardio pulmonary resuscitation at Cook County Hospital as a radiology student. She also studied at St. Josephs Surgical Technical School, and is a graduate of CPR training which she received at the Maybrook Cook County Sheriff's Academy.



The signs of life were faint, yet Loftus realized that it was possible to revive this infant, which she said was about 10 months old. But, the distraught mother began screaming and refused to give the conductor the limp child. "I figured I had nothing to lose, and certainly no time to waste, so I snatched the baby," said Loftus. She then immediately began to give the child mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

She said she struggled out of her gear as she worked with the baby on the floor of the train. "I did what I had to do, and I knew that with God's help, this child would be revived."

After about 10 minutes, the petite conductor got an encouraging

response from the baby. She was then joined by United Airlines steward Gabriel Tiogangco who offered assistance. As the baby's breathing was restored, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was applied which increased the child's pulse and brought back his color.

Chicago Fire Department paramedics met the train at Lake Transfer where the mother and child were taken to Cook County Hospital. Hospital reports said the child was in fair condition. "I only did what I had to do," Loftus repeated modestly, as her passengers cheered and shook her hand.

As she told her story, husband James Loftus, a U.S. Postal worker, expressed his pride in the fact that his wife had been instrumental in saving a life.

Loftus joined his wife in the CTA Board room where **Elonzo Hill**, Manager, Training/Instruction told an audience, "Mrs. Loftus brought life into a dying child, and we're so very proud of her."

"We need this kind of involvement to show the public that we do get involved with people beyond just our jobs.

Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** added, "We do care about people, and we thank you very much for what you have done. You're a good example of the many fine employees at CTA."

Chairman Cardilli leads CTA in fight against birth defects

In a unique house visit to the southwest side, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli handed a personal check to the 1986 March of Dimes Poster Child, Christopher Stifter, for the WalkAmerica Walkathon saying, "We're starting out with a check for \$200...The March is on!"

CTA employees added to this contribution by joining forces and creating a team to walk in this year's March of Dimes WalkAmerica on Sunday, April 27. The 30-kilometer event (18 miles) raised funds to be used for researching the prevention of birth defects. It's the March of Dimes most successful fund raiser.

If you did not have a chance to sponsor a walker, you may pledge the "Bom America, March of Dimes Telethon Event" which will be broadcast live from Six Flags Great America for 21 hours on WFLD-TV Channel 32 and WQRF-TV, Channel 39, in Rockford on June 28-29.

In addition to the \$200, Christopher received a miniature train layout and an authentic CTA orange-colored hard hat from Cardilli.



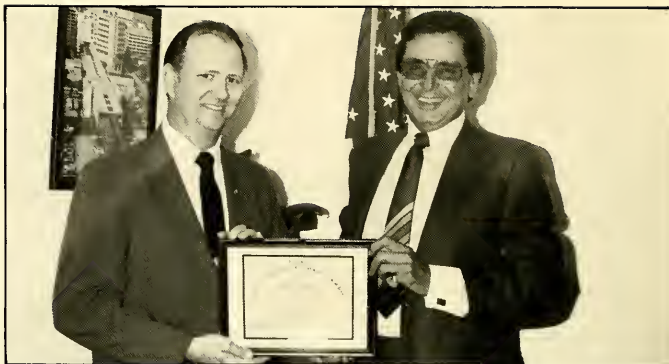
Community involvement

Concern for the safety of our riders and the quality of life in our community has always been a most noteworthy characteristic of CTA employees. I congratulate Cleo Jackson Loftus, James Richardson, and Odie Jones. Your recent acts of heroism, as documented on these pages, serve as an example for all of us. We do much more than drive trains and buses throughout the city. All of our good deeds, whether or not they receive public attention or result in commendation, contribute to the quality of life in Chicago.

CTA has recently launched an extensive anti-graffiti program. Through cooperation with the City of Chicago, the Chicago Police Department, the public and parochial school systems, and the riding public, our program of education, eradication, and enforcement can rid our city of this selfish lack of respect for the comfort and property of others, and provide a safe and more enjoyable environment for our transit riders and the general public. Help us wipe out graffiti by reporting acts of vandalism to the Chicago Police Department immediately.

In behalf of the March of Dimes, I thank all CTA employees who contributed to the success of CTA's team walk in the WalkAmerica program, especially those of you who volunteered to be team walkers. Your contribution will enable this fine organization to continue research that will result in better prevention and treatment of birth defects. We have all at one time or another been touched by children, our own or those of our friends that needed help. Now we can truly say we did reach out and help.

Michael A. Cardilli



Al Lynch (left), Veterans Advocacy representative in the Attorney General's office, and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor while serving in Vietnam, presents CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli a certificate of appreciation from the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, for CTA's support of 80 Congressional Medal of Honor winners who convened in Chicago last summer. Bus transportation for the prior service members was provided to Navy Pier and Wrigley Field, where they attended a Cubs game. CTA will also support activities of Medal of Honor winners when the group visits Chicago June 12-15.

Alert bus operator thwarts store robbery

CTA Bus Operator **James Richardson** thwarted a daring daylight burglary of a dry cleaning store at Halsted and Lake streets on March 25, as about a dozen on-lookers were cheering for the burglars.

Richardson, a 24-year CTA employee, was driving his No. 8 Halsted bus shortly after 7 a.m. when he saw the crime in progress.

"I saw the store's security bars had been pried apart and a man inside hand out a TV set and a radio to another man," Richardson said, "There were about a dozen men standing around the scene cheering the daring burglars. They even gave the criminals a round of applause."

Richardson quickly radioed Frank Jones, his controller in the CTA's control center. Jones used the CTA's hot line to the Chicago Police Department to report the burglary in progress. Richardson also told Jones one of the burglars had fled up the eastbound stairs to the Halsted/Lake "L" stop.

Two police men apprehended the burglary suspect on the "L" platform with the TV set. A second burglary suspect was arrested near the store.

Motorman lauded for aid in child molester arrest

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli praised the quick action of Rapid Transit Motorman **Odie Jones** who was instrumental in the March 13 arrest of a suspected child molester aboard his westbound Lake street train.

"Mr. Jones' decisive action of holding his train outside the California station until police were on the platform was an example of CTA's concern for the safety of its riders," Cardilli said.

At about 7 a.m., Jones was alerted by a high school girl that a man was molesting her. Jones radioed the Control Center, where CTA Controller Mary Fryar telephoned the Mass Transit Unit of the Chicago Police Department.

When uniformed policemen arrived on the platform, Jones pulled the train into the station, the girl identified the suspect, and he was placed in custody. Jones is a 14-year CTA employee.

After being replaced by another driver on his bus, Richardson went to the Monroe street police station and identified the burglary suspects.

Haenisch heads new section, 10 others earn promotions

George Millonas, deputy executive director, Engineering & Maintenance division, announced the creation of a new section responsible for all quality control and industrial engineering matters.

Heading the new section is **George Haenisch**, 38, director, Industrial Engineering and Quality Control, who reports to Millonas. The section has 27 members.

Haenisch is headquartered in the Washington garage where his quality control staff is located. Industrial engineering staff teams, who monitor rail, bus, and facilities workmanship, are located in South Shops.

Before his appointment, Haenisch was superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops. He joined CTA in 1973 as a methods & standards technician.

A 1969 graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Haenisch holds a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial technology and an associate degree in automotive technology.

Nine other promotions were also announced by Millonas. The appointees are **Kendrick D.G. Bisset**, director, Power & Way Engineering; **John Hruby**, director, Rail Maintenance; **Frank Venezia**, director, Equipment Engineering; **Roy Smith**, superintendent, Power & Way; **Patrick McCarthy**, superintendent, Track & Structures Design; **Mark Dundovich**, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops; **William Haworth**, superintendent, Technical Services; **James Haworth**, supervisor, Technical Services, and **James Chmill**, supervisor, Administration and Budget.



George Haenisch



Patrick McCarthy



James Chmill



John Hruby



Mark Dundovich



Kendrick Bisset

Lowell Wilson (Beverly garage) was called "person of the year" by Sandra Lowe, of East 102nd Street, who regularly rides his No. 103 West 103rd bus. "His interaction with the public is always warm, courteous, friendly and helpful. I've never heard him snap at someone for asking directions. He takes time to explain the new fare system and use of the fare box to senior citizens. He seems to really care about our safety when he tells us to 'Watch your step.' I realize that dealing with the public can be nerve-wracking. It takes a special kind of person to rise above people's moods and attitudes."



Earl Terry (North Avenue garage) is appreciated by Nathaniel Snow, of North Lake Shore Drive, for his handling of an early morning No. 77 Belmont bus. "As a daily passenger on this run, I am pleased to report that Mr. Terry is a very popular, very competent operator. He is consistently friendly, courteous, and fair; and he also maintains a tight schedule. He is a master at dealing with would-be chiselers and argumentative patrons, always protecting the rights of his employer and the paying passengers. I hope he continues his good work, and that he will receive appropriate recognition."

William Miles (Beverly garage) was praised for his courtesy as operator of a No. 106 103rd/106th bus by Claudia Hansen, of Langley Avenue. "This driver deserves praise. He was so very polite, and it was evident he enjoyed his work. As I boarded, I received a warm smile and cheery 'Good Morning.' And each passenger who followed received the same greeting, young or old, black or white. It was most refreshing! Departing was the same. It was 'Have a nice day' and 'Watch your step.' I will never forget this gentleman driver, and the beautiful start he gave my day. It was a pleasure riding with him."

Cedric Johnson (Kedzie garage) made Anne Barton, of South Lafin Street, "feel better about the West Side" because of the way he operated a No. 20 Madison bus. "I had heard things that made me fearful of working on the West Side, but that is where my job took me. Wary and fearful after a day's work, I took his bus homeward-bound. This driver was courteous to everyone as they boarded the bus. I have had occasion again and again to ride his bus, and when I do, his attitude is the same. It is refreshing to sit and watch a genuinely pleasant person enjoying his job and the people he serves."



Jimmy Rivera (West Section) was commended by Joseph Kalmanek, of Cicero, "for his exemplary performance" as conductor of a Douglas-O'Hare train. "As the train had been signalled to depart, and I was scurrying from the ticket office expecting not to be able to board, since the doors were already closed, my day suddenly brightened! The doors reopened, I boarded and found a seat. Your conductor listened to my tale of woe about fares, and explained the new fare structure, the transfer changes, etc., in detail. His distinct and concise pronunciation at all stops was an added plus."

Robert Surita (77th Street garage) was complimented by Trula Jones, of Prairie Avenue, for his handling of a 79th Street bus. "He is the most courteous, patient, pleasant and polite bus driver I have ever ridden with. If he sees you coming for the bus, he will wait. He always has a pleasant greeting when you board, and will pull to the curb to make boarding or exiting easy without wading through puddles of water or snowbanks of ice. And he never fails to wish you a good day when you reach your destination. It is a pleasure to ride with him, and I appreciate the courteous service he renders."

Rosemary Hoskins (North Park garage) was applauded by Dana Johnson, who works in an office on North Michigan Avenue. "I am a regular passenger on the 151 Sheridan bus, and I was very impressed with her attitude and professionalism. She not only was cheerful and courteous to every passenger, but she was very clear in giving directions and ensuring that every stop was announced loudly enough for everyone to hear. She even took the time to announce the transfer locations. She also was exceptionally careful and alert to any potential problems while passengers were getting on and off."

Tyrone Malloy (North Avenue garage) impressed Lena Floyd, of Monticello Avenue, with his professionalism as operator of a No. 66 Chicago bus. "As a professional having to interact with the public daily, I realize how stressful it can become, yet it is still necessary to maintain a professional attitude. This driver not only called every stop, but also specified what hundred west that particular street was. There was no reckless driving or speeding, and he was courteous to each passenger who boarded and exited his bus. I would like to see more of your employees provide this type of service."

Plant tour of the year

American Materials Management Society's 1985 "Plant Tour of the Year" award was presented to CTA's Materials Management department, and was based on a tour of Skokie Shops by AMMS representatives.

Shown accepting the award are (from left) **Charles Ripke**, special projects analyst; **Mike Yedinak**, supervisor, Material Operations; **Edward Tobin**, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent; **Bill Roman**, director, Material Control/Stores, and **Jim Zazula**, supervisor, Stores-North. **James Alexander** (third from left), executive director, AMMS, presented the award.

The tour was developed and coordinated by Ripke and Yedinak. It included a technical session, as well as a slide presentation which was developed in the Communications section of Public Affairs by training services clerk **Ron Scott**, and communications clerk **Tony Ambut**.



Included among organizations competing for the "Plant Tour of the Year" award were the W.W. Granger Company, Clark Equipment Company, and Jorgensen Steel, three of the nation's largest industrial suppliers.

Dedicated to spreading knowledge of distribution, warehousing, material handling and inven-

tory control to the hundreds of professionals in warehousing and related jobs, the AMMS was organized in Chicago in 1971, and grew out of the International Materials Management Society which was formed during the post World War II years.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball
Hermino Ayala, North Park

Nadine Brewer, Limits
Ulysses Buck, Archer
Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball

Jean Case, North Park
George Calhoun, 69th Street
Joyce Carbins-Sayles, Agents, South
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Lovie Chamblis, Agents, West
Tyree Cobb, Jr., Limits
Dewitt Coleman, Archer
Jacqueline Cousin, 69th Street
Jerry Crawford, Archer

Victor Davila, North Park
Vincent Dawson, Limits
Arthur Deluna, North Avenue
Jose Diaz, Limits
Charles Dortch, Beverly
Robert Duslak, Forest Glen

James Fitzgerald, Limits

Albert Grady, 77th Street
Jerry Green, North Avenue

William Hasse, West Rail Dist.
Robert Hampton, 77th Street
Ricky Hawk, North Park

Lee Hazlewood, Jr., 77th Street
James Hill, Affirmative Action

Sanders Ingram, Kedzie

Darrell Jarrett, Jefferson Park
John Jimenez, North Park
Katie Jones, Archer

Anthony Lag, Limits
Paul Lane, Douglas/Congress
Alexander Larkin, 77th Street
Phillip Larry, Limits
Clearchie Lawrence, 77th Street
Neal Lesley, Archer

Daniel Martin, Forest Glen
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
James Melton, North Park
Luis Mendez, North Avenue
Jerry Miller, North Park
Eric Minor, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Harold Moore, Bus District D

Ernest Neal Jr., North Avenue
Robert Nelson, Jefferson Park

Willie Owens, Beverly
Dianna Owens, North Park

Thomas Parker, North Park
Daniel Poelinitz, Forest Glen
Melzia Pritchett, Beverly

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Ramon Rodriguez, North Park
Charles Rutledge, Limits

Betty Samuel, 77th Street
Edwin Serrano, Agents, West
Tuesday Simpson, Limits
Freddie Sims, Jr., North Avenue
William Smith, 77th Street
Carl Smith, Limits
Frederick Smith, Jefferson Park
Walter Smith III, North Park
Franklin Spring, 77th Street
Frank Staszak, Archer
Evelyn Stofar, Agents, West

John Vogt, Beverly

James Walker, Archer
James Ward, Forest Park
Leon Washington, 77th Street
Shirley Watson, Agents, North
Conrad Weil, Forest Glen
Delois West, 69th Street
Larry Whitehead, Beverly
Lowell Wilson, Beverly
Charles Wilson, 77th Street

Anthony Zenner, North Park
Denice Zillender, 69th Street
John Zupko, Howard/Kimball

Two new departments formed in Finance reorganization

Two new departments, Financial Reporting and Analysis and Accounting Systems and Operations, have been formed in the Finance Division, **Daniel R. Perk**, Deputy Executive Director, Finance, recently announced.

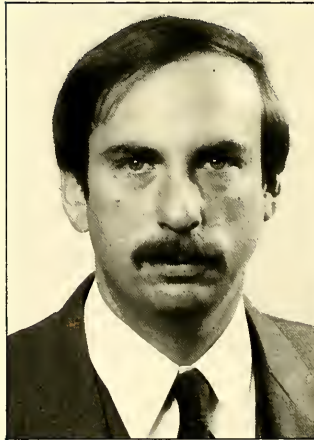
Heading the Accounting Systems and Operations Department is Manager **William Moore**, former assistant comptroller, Data Center Liaison. Moore joined CTA in 1975 as a Data Center business methods analyst. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Illinois/Chicago where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He became a certified public accountant in 1976.

Other promotions include **John Cannon**, who serves as director, Accounting Operations. Cannon joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Company (a CTA predecessor) in 1941 as a clerk. He is a 1965 graduate of Loyola University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in accounting. From 1969 to 1972, Cannon was on the board of governors of the Chicago Chapter of the Institution of Internal Auditors.

In addition, **Gerald Kurowski** was named director, Payroll Operations. He was previously superintendent, Payroll Operations. Kurowski joined CTA in 1973 as an engineering trainee. He is a 1971 graduate of the University of Wisconsin where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting and a minor in economics.

Other promotions within the Accounting Systems and Operations department include **Brian Jakubowski**, superintendent, Payroll Accounting; **Den-nis McFadden**, superintendent, Materials and Payables Accounting; **Eugene Refakes**, superintendent, Accounting Systems, and **Anthony Scardina**, supervisor, Payables.

Heading the Financial Reporting and Analysis department is Manager **Virginia Wendorf**. Ms. Wendorf formerly was director of Financial Reporting and Analysis. She joined CTA in 1979 as an internal auditor. She earned a bachelor's of science degree in business administration in 1975 from Roosevelt University, and became a certified public accountant in 1976.



William Moore



Virginia Wendorf

Promotions also include **James Rose**, director, Accounting and Financial Analysis. Rose previously served as a senior financial analyst in Financial Services. He joined CTA in 1979 as an auditor in Internal Auditing. Rose earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1974 from Roosevelt University. Two years later he earned a master's degree in accounting from the same university. He became a certified public accountant in 1975.

Other appointments include **Patrick Clifford**, director, Grant and Property Accounting; **John Harrington**, superintendent, Grant Accounting; **Vernon Palmore**, superintendent, Property Accounting; **Janice (Jae) Rowell**, superintendent, Financial Analysis; **Gerald Wilson**, superintendent, Operations Review; **Lee Cherry**, supervisor, Field Operations; **John Gandor**, supervisor, Grant Cost Control; **Vantanee Gosrisirikul**, supervisor, Grant Reporting; **James Haase**, supervisor, Property Cost Control, and **Richard Koprowski**, supervisor, Internal Operations.



John Cannon



Gerald Kurowski



Brian Jakubowski



Eugene Refakes



James Rose



Vernon Palmore



Janice (Jae) Rowell



Gerald Wilson

Culture Bus opens 10th season



CTA will open its 10th season of Culture Bus service on Sunday, May 11, operating on Sundays and holidays through September 28. This year each of the three Culture Bus routes will have a new attraction added to the popular schedule of Culture Bus stops.

The North Route will make a new stop at the south end of the Michigan Avenue Bridge over the Chicago River, where riders with Culture Bus Supertransfers will enjoy discounts on sight-seeing boat rides offered by both Mercury and Wendella Boat Tours.

Greek Town will be the new attraction on the West Route. Buses will stop at Van Buren and Halsted, and riders may enjoy Grecian cuisine and entertainment at various restaurants on Halsted between Monroe and Van Buren.

When the Culture Bus South stops at the Oriental Institute at

58th and University Avenue, Culture Bus riders may also visit the Renaissance Society. This gallery of contemporary art is located in Cobb Hall, the oldest academic building on the University of Chicago Campus, just south of the University Administration Building at 58th and Ellis.

All three Culture Bus routes, each lasting between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 hours, will continue to converge at the Art Institute. The service will once again utilize articulated buses staffed by commentators who tell about points of interest along the routes.

Premium fare for the Culture Bus is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 for senior citizens and children. Culture Bus Supertransfers allow unlimited riding on all three routes and unlimited riding on all CTA service until 3 a.m. the following morning.

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Ralph Kean (inset), 77th Street Utility shop foreman, holds ZAP certificate presented to 12 shops at the maintenance garage. Workers were also treated to a catered luncheon for achieving six months of performance without a maintenance accident.



Taking a first place award along with the catered lunch for sustained performance for six months without injuries were crews at 54th Street terminal. Displaying the prized ZAP certificate is day foreman Mike Keating. Others are (from left) David Kowalski, supervisor, Rail Vehicle Terminals; Craig Rogers, Richard Lorimer, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Terminals; Steve Jackson, and Rodrigo Alcantara.



Felix Velinske, Kimball day foreman, is surrounded by his crew as he displays the coveted Zero Accident Program certificate awarded Kimball in the fourth quarter. Kimball terminal was a winner of the six-month competition luncheon.



It was a proud moment for Archer garage's maintenance crew as Maintenance Safety Supervisor Jim Dudley presented the southsiders with a first place ZAP certificate. Chuck Kubal (left), day foreman, holds the certificate with Dudley.

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Maintenance Win ZAP's Lunch

For 1985 Zero Accident maintenance garages with nine work place honors. The winners of the contest are awarded for six months of accident-free

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Shops competing in Upholstery. Others were Shop Electrical Units Engine Rebuild, and Print Shops.

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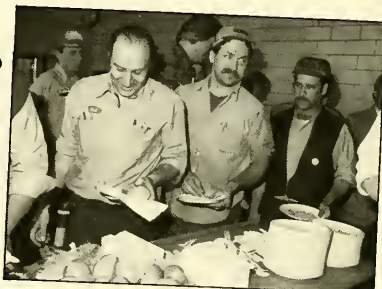


Skokie foremen display ZAP certificates earned by their respective departments. Standing are (from left) Clarence Mills, Armature; Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor; Gary Olsen, Carpentry; Matt Spatzek, unit supervisor; Mark Dundovich, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops; Bill Meany, shop inspector; Vito Pontrelli, and Muzio Ficarella, electrical worker foremen; Marty Venticinqu, machinist foreman; Pat Harnett, electrical worker foreman; former Superintendent of Rail Vehicle Shops George Haenisch who is now director, Industrial Engineering and Quality Control at Washington garage, and Frank Porcaro, machinist foreman.

The food was plentiful for maintenance personnel at Forest Glen whose first place recognition in the fourth quarter ZAP contest included a catered luncheon, celebrating six months without a maintenance accident.



Day foreman Cortelius Williams (right) takes charge of Howard/Linden terminal's first place certificate with Len Davenport (left), supervisor of Rail Vehicle Terminals. Jack Hruby, director, Rail Maintenance, is in the background.



West Shops building wiring foreman Al Aronson (left), accepts first place ZAP certificate from Frank Montifalco, unit supervisor, escalator, sheet metal and maintenance foreman.

ESPP, Striving for Excellence are top incentive programs



Perhaps the most safety-conscious program conducted to date by the CTA Operations Division is the Employee Safety Performance Program (ESPP).

This year-round competition, which began in 1982, fosters safe operating practices, and encourages the active participation of all operating personnel. ESPP is the primary avenue for promoting communications between the operating employee, who is generally the first to encounter problems, and management.

ESPP is very competitive. Bus and rail personnel and ticket agents are divided into teams in their respective locations. Each team is comprised of approximately 60 people, with a

balance of seniority on each team ranging from as much as 40 years to less than one year of service.

The competition is based on the numerical measurement of safety (accidents) and performance (such as attendance and violations). The team with the lowest combined score in both categories is the winner, and the recipient of a special recognition award. Recognition awards are presented monthly, quarterly, and annually.

Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, noted that the Employee Safety Performance Program has not only increased the operating employees' awareness of rules and regulations, but it has also reduced the number of accidents and violations. Employees are also assured that their concerns are being heard. Their suggestions for improvements are given careful consideration, and are often accepted and implemented, such as relocation of bus stops, bus shelters, and public information signs, the filling of pot holes along bus routes, improvement of bus routing, schedule adjustments along bus and rapid transit routes, the improvement of lighting and heating output in ticket agent booths, and the repair of rapid transit destination signs.

Striving for Excellence, the newest, and the *creme de la creme* of special recognition programs for operating employees, was created in 1984 by Deputy Executive Director/Operations **Harry Reddrick**. In 1985, the program was expanded to honor both operating and maintenance employees with superior work records. Last year, Striving for Excellence honored 880 employees.

The honorees recognized in last year's Striving for Excellence program were required to have superior work records with no misses, no chargeable complaints, no accidents, and no violations or suspensions. These and other criteria help management select its most outstanding employees for a gala evening which includes a banquet, the presentation of certificates, and an evening of entertainment and dancing.

Plans for the 1986 Striving for Excellence program are already underway. This year the event is set for September 13 at the Condesa del Mar, a popular supper club.



This North Park garage Employee Safety Performance Program team displays the garage plaque of quarterly winners. Members of the team also received a tie clasp for taking top honors twice in a calendar year. Enjoying the moment are (from left) Assistant Superintendent, Bus Instruction Mel Link, Francisco Barreto, Jesus Fernandez, Bus Instructor James Thaxton, William Ramos, Manuel Ramirez, ESPP Chairman Norman Heron, and Miguel Concepcion.



Rail service winners at Kimball are equally proud of their ESPP achievements. The competitive spirit here is shared by (from left) Rail Instructor Joe Nash, Mitchell Gray, Eddie Woodward, Area Superintendent Lester Racker, Rudolph Dilton, Assistant Superintendent Rick White, Vickie Bledsoe, Superintendent Nick Blaino, Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Florence, Assistant Superintendent William Miller, Orlando Mojica, and James Carey.

Heroics and good ideas merit "Day in CTA" honors



Four bus operators, two rail conductors, and two District "A" bus supervisors were recent "Day in CTA" honorees in recognition of their exceptional job performance.

Forest Glen Operator **John Christner** was recognized for his alert response which led to the apprehension of a young graffiti artist who was later ordered to clean buses defaced with graffiti. The youth was caught writing on the outside of Christner's bus as passengers were leaving the vehicle in the 1700 block of Addison Street.

Operator **Eugene White** earned kudos for his willingness to assist a female bus operator who was being attacked by a male rider while her bus was stopped at the curb near Garfield Boulevard. White apprehended the assailant with the help of a University of Chicago police officer, and held the attacker until members of the Chicago Police Department arrived.

Archer Operator **Neal Lesley** was at Soldier Field when he saw a woman trying to change a flat tire. He borrowed a lug wrench from a city truck parked nearby and changed the tire. The grateful lady wrote a complimentary letter to CTA's manager of Operations Personnel.

Bus Operator **William Ramos** earned special recognition for his alert reaction to an attempted robbery in which he was threatened by a gunman aboard his bus. Operator Ramos disarmed one member of the suspected robbery trio who then fled his bus. Ramos also gave police information which quickly led to apprehension of two of the men.

Douglas Rail Conductor **Frank Foster** was hailed for his rescue of a 73-year old neighbor man from a demolished and burning building after an explosion which followed a gas leak.

District "A" bus Supervisor **Louis Williams** received recognition for providing sanctuary to a youth who was being attacked by a group of young people in the 95th Street rapid transit terminal. Supervisor Williams is credited with defusing a possible volatile incident.

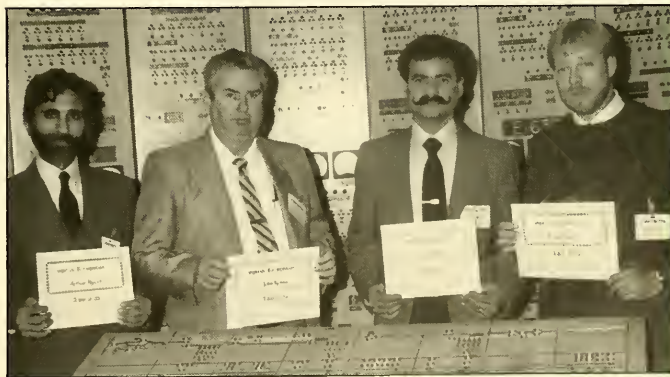
Recent changes in the CTA fare structure also led to the special recognition of Rail Conductor **Arthur Alpert** of Kimball terminal, and District "A" bus supervisor **John Kenna**.

Alpert was honored for recognizing the potential problems ahead for the new fare structure. He spent a day off soon after the new structure was announced to share his concern and ideas with the Training/Instruction Department, and to offer suggestions for solving many of the potential fare collection problems. Some of Alpert's ideas have already been implemented, and have resulted in improved service to riders, and a savings to CTA.

The bi-weekly pass program for riders which became effective March 27, is an idea first suggested by John Kenna in February 1983, three years prior to being adopted by the CTA board. Kenna's suggestion received no recognition at that time since the Employee Suggestion Plan had already been suspended.



"Day in CTA" honors were earned by (above, from left) Neal Lesley, Louis Williams, Eugene White, John Christner, (below) Arthur Alpert, John Kenna, William Ramos, and Frank Foster.



On April 1, Tom Wolgemuth exchanged his office as manager of Facilities Engineering & Maintenance for a college classroom where he plans to become a student, and then a professor.

Wolgemuth, 47, retired from his 25-year career in public transit and considers himself a very fortunate man.

"Not many people can make such a radical change in careers as I planned," Wolgemuth said before closing his CTA career. "I assure you I have not made this important decision quickly; it came after much soul searching on my part and discussions with the members of my family." He took a couple of puffs on his familiar pipe, and relit it.

"My wife, Mary, and our three children expressed their ideas on my proposal. All said in effect, 'Go for it.' My plan is to study for a master's degree in business administration at Northern Illinois University for the next two years. After I've earned that degree, I want to teach in that field in a college near my home in Glen Ellyn. Sounds easy. Let's hope it is."

In January, 1961, Wolgemuth had earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. From January to May of that year, he worked as a student engineer in CTA's Engineering department. He then took a two-year military leave of absence for service as an officer with the Army Corps of Engineers in France.

Upon returning from the Army, he qualified and worked as an "L" motorman and conductor. He also worked in rail terminals, bus garages, and rail and bus repair shops as part of an orientation and training program.

Looking back on his CTA career, Wolgemuth said he was pleased to have been a part of, or at least witnessed, many of the great developments

Tom Wolgemuth preparing for career as professor



Tom Wolgemuth displays one of his many unique retirement gifts, a three-dimensional inkpen drawing of CTA buses and a cityscape, presented by Frank Venezia, director, Equipment Engineering, in behalf of Bus Maintenance.

that have made CTA one of the premiere public transit agencies in the nation, if not the world. He spoke of such developments as the opening of the "L" routes in the Dan Ryan and Kennedy expressways, the extension of the Kennedy "L" route to O'Hare Airport, implementation of the highly-praised cab signaling system for improved service and safety, and reconstruction of the tracks and structures throughout the system.

Wolgemuth numbered various reorganizations and "fine tuning" of CTA's staff that have taken place over the years as noteworthy developments important to CTA, though not visible to the riding public.

"All of these plans, past, present,

and those of the future, have had, and will need, a dedicated staff to make everything work. There are thousands of employees from management level to operating personnel and maintenance personnel, who make 110 per cent contributions to their jobs because of the satisfaction of accomplishment they enjoy.

"Working for CTA is a 'fish bowl' atmosphere for most of us. It's a lifestyle, a workstyle, if you prefer, CTA personnel have grown to accept.

"I will always admire, and be so grateful, more than I can say, to all of the people who have triumphed over this difficult environment and continue to do their critically-important jobs day in and day out."

Retirements

Manuel L. Aguilar, West Shops, 8 yrs.
Ernest E. Brown, 77th Station, 28 yrs.
Valon A. Brown, 77th Station, 30 yrs.
Eugene T. Brudney, No. Pk. Sta., 34 yrs.
Joe J. Cecala, Finance, 38 yrs.
Carroll L. Dalton, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Dorothy M. Doljanin, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Raymond J. Fay, Kedzie Sta., 31 yrs.
Joseph E. Folken, West Sect., 26 yrs.
George J. Gart, Limits Sta., 39 yrs.

Norbert J. Gewelke, West Shops, 43 yrs.
Ernest E. Guedel Jr., For. Glen Sta., 25 yrs.
Charles W. Holley, Beverly Sta., 33 yrs.
Madaline J. Martin, No. Pk. Sta., 7 yrs.
William E. McCoy, No. Ave. Sta., 26 yrs.
James W. McPhee, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Pedro R. Ramos, Mad/Wabash, 29 yrs.
Royal E. Reed, 77th Station, 35 yrs.
Wyvern Thompson, Beverly Sta., 25 yrs.
Michael B. Vasquez, North Sect., 37 yrs.

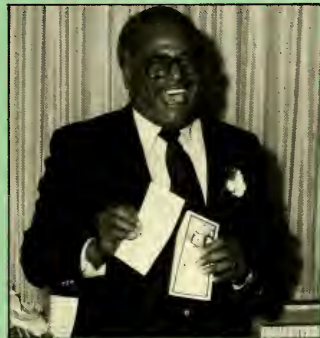
disability retirements

Felicita Borges, For. Glen Sta., 10 yrs.
Milton Harmon, Kedzie Sta., 19 yrs.
John S. Lewis, Kedzie Sta., 15 yrs.
Girle A. Taylor, Beverly Sta., 10 yrs.
Fletcher Young, Beverly Sta., 21 yrs.

March

Retires to make beer

George Chandler, Sr. (left), a West Shops machinist, is greeted by his iron worker son, **George, Jr.**, also of West Shops, during the April 1 celebration of the senior Chandler's retirement. The 65-year old Chandler joined CTA on September 15, 1980, and is retiring to join forces with an Eau Claire, WI firm, with plans to open a commercial brewery in the Chicago area, where Chandler hopes to sell his "Ozark Beer." A beer maker for many years, Chandler's brew took third place in the Homebrewers and Tasters Guild tasting at Madison, WI in March. Chandler said of his short CTA career upgrading shops and machinery, "It has been very interesting, and a lot of fun."



Record Center coordinator retires

Management Services Record Center Coordinator **Andrew J. Mosley** holds a gift certificate presented by co-workers at a breakfast which was held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club, and given in Mosley's honor on the occasion of his April 1 retirement after 32 years with CTA. He began his career as a bus operator on Devon Avenue. Subsequently, he

served at Archer Avenue and at 52nd Street, until 1968, when he was named records center coordinator. In 1983, Mosley was among finalists to receive the Superior Public Service certificate in recognition of his outstanding employment service. He is Senior Vice Commander of Dorie Miller Post 915, American Legion, and is a candidate for the office of Commander, First Division of the American Legion. The World War II Army veteran plans to continue his Chicago residency in retirement, and devote time to his service with the American Legion.

Family celebrations

Joseph Cecala (center), supervisor, Operations Field Review, a CTA employee for 39 years, celebrates his March 1 retirement with friends and co-workers, most of them members of his family. Sharing the occasion are (from left) father-in-law Joseph Ritrovato, Sr., a retired Lawndale garage supervisor, Cecala's wife, Mrs. Carmela Cecala, formerly with the CTA Training department; Deputy Executive Director/Finance Dan Perk who presented Cecala with his retirement packet; sister-in-law Rosemarie Ritrovato of the Treasury department, and brother-in-law Anthony Ritrovato, Claims department. Behind Cecala are another brother-in-law, Joseph Ritrovato, Jr., Schedules Section, Operations Planning, and Ritrovato's wife, Mrs. Rita Ritrovato, Operations Field Review.



Retirements

Jerry Blake, North Park, 42 yrs.
Marion Brittain Jr., 77th St., 32 yrs.
S. L. Brooks, West Shops, 28 yrs.
George H. Chandler, West Shops, 5 yrs.
Harper Donahue, 77th St., 32 yrs.
Clarence Garski, North Park, 26 yrs.
Dennis K. Gibson, 95th St., 34 yrs.
John J. Gordon, North Sect., 25 yrs.
Howard G. Helfert, South Shops, 25 yrs.
Booker T. Henry, Beverly, 30 yrs.
Patrick J. Kenny, West Shops, 40 yrs.

Mitchell Kitman, Engr. & Mtce. Equip., 15 yrs.
Andrew J. Mosley, West Shops, 31 yrs.
Raul B. Navarrete, Archer, 25 yrs.
Patrick J. O'Shea, West Shops, 37 yrs.
Dorothy M. Parker, West Sect., 38 yrs.
Edmond Slomowicz, West Shops, 17 yrs.
William J. Sorenson, 69th St., 26 yrs.
Richard D. Vieth, West Shops, 28 yrs.
Mack E. Williams, South Sect., 32 yrs.
Thomas L. Wolgemuth, Engr. & Mtce. Fac., 25 yrs.

disability retirements

William R. Bailey, Beverly, 10 yrs.
Josephine Crouse, West Sect., 14 yrs.
Gussie L. Jones Sr., 69th St., 22 yrs.
Thomas N. Moseley, Limits, 23 yrs.

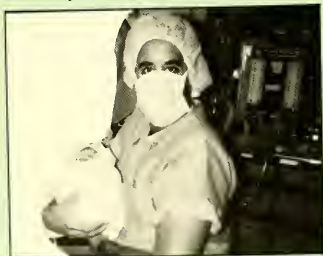
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General Office

Helene (Bunny) Greiman, a shining star in the CTA's Promotional Services section, has hit the bunny trail to Denver. She left CTA in a blaze of balloons brought in by a gorilla, tons of cake, other goodies and gifts on January 31, 1986. We will all miss her sparkling personality, and wish her all the good luck one person can handle...Public Affairs' **Carol Ruggerio**, a professional management trainee, got engaged on February 7, 1986 to the lucky Tony Vangorp. Carol told this reporter the wedding is to be sometime in September, 1986. Best wishes to this very happy couple...**Marcelo Reyes** of Internal Audit is a very happy father because of a very lovely 1986 Northeastern University graduate. His daughter



Pamela, an elementary education major, is also planning to earn a master's degree in Spanish and English. Pamela, you sound like the kind of teacher the schools need. Congratulations to you and Marcelo...Right there



in the delivery room is **Robert A. Gaines**, Director, Public Affairs Communications section. Bob was with his wife Judith when their daughter, Mallory Lynn, was born. Dad also took pictures of the delivery, Judith and the baby. If you don't believe it stop in at his office and see the pictures. Mom, Dad and baby are all do-

ing fine...**Father Tom Twomey**, the retired CTA maintenance department employee who was ordained a Roman Catholic priest five years ago at age 70, has retired again. For two years, Father Tom had served in the diocese of Albuquerque, N.M., a parish covering hundreds of square miles in the mountainous area of New Mexico and Arizona, when illness forced his retirement. His present address is the Royal Garden Apts., Apt. 101A, 3020 N. 14th st., Phoenix, Az., 85014...Congratulations to **Jack Sowchin** (Publications), **Sharon Bosan** (Duplicating), and **Don Bruno** (Passenger Controls and Graphics) who won first, second, and third place (respectively) season championship trophies in Solo II precision driving competition sponsored by the Sports Car Club of America...**Maria Gonzales**, Customer Assistance secretary, is pleased about the fifth place honors Foreman High School's drill team received in the Fourth District competition on March 8 with 13 other high schools. Maria's son, Ernesto, Jr., a freshman, is a member of the team. Ernesto is also a member of the color guard which competed March 15...**Steven and Louis Wool**, sons of **Leon Wool**, associate general attorney, corporate, were recently honored at a Winter Sports Banquet at Lawrence College (Appleton, WI), for their outstanding performance as members of the school's basketball team. Both had also been star players on the Evanston High School basketball team. Louis has been designated co-captain of Lawrence's basketball team for the 1986-87 season, and he also received an honorable mention in the Midwest Conference selection of outstanding basketball players, 1985-86...**Terry A. Hocin**, director, Marketing Services, and **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction, were among panel participants at the American Public Transportation Association's Western Education and Training Conference in San Jose, California, April 12-16. Hocin was moderator of the April 14 panel on The Marketing Exchange, a sharing of marketing ideas. Hill was a panelist in a "how to" session designed to provide information on conducting bus rodeos for both operators and mechanics...**Don Yabush**, media coordinator, Public Affairs, has a ferry boat captain's cap, a bottle of Atlantic

I AM YOUR BUSINESS

You had better take care of me. Perhaps you don't think of me at times, but if you were to wake up some morning and realize you did not have me, you would start the day with an uneasy feeling.

From me you get food, clothing, shelter, and such luxuries as you can enjoy.

If you want me badly enough, I'll get you the best automobile made and a home on Lake Shore Drive.

But I am exacting. I am a jealous mistress. Sometimes you hardly appreciate me at all. In fact, you make slighting remarks about me at times and neglect me.

Considering the fact that you need me not only for the material things in life, but spiritually as well, I wonder sometimes why do you neglect me as you do?

What if I should get away from you? Your happiness would flee, for a time at least, and your friends would worry and your bank account would dwindle.

So, after all, I'm pretty important to you. Cherish me. Take good care of me and I'll take good care of you...I AM YOUR JOB.

*Wallacine M. Good
Forest Glen*

Ocean water, and a photograph of Rhode Island's Block Island, thanks to the Chicago Bears' crush of the New England Patriots (46-10) in Super Bowl XX. A Providence R.I. Journal newspaper reporter arranged a bet between Yabush and Capt. Ray Parker of Narragansett, R.I. on the game's outcome. Yabush put up a conductor's cap, a bottle of Lake Michigan's best, and an "L" train photo. Parker runs a ferry boat between Block Island and the mainland...Customer Assistance Coordinator **Mike Cramer** received a call on March 13 from a person who reported that a youth aboard a train enroute to the downtown area pulled out a gun and announced a hold-up. The passengers remained in their seats, and no one panicked, but one person started laughing. The would-be robber looked up and down the train and when the train stopped and the doors opened, he jumped out and ran away. This could only happen in Chicago.

**Joyce Patrich
Don Yabush**

Management Information Systems

Congratulations to **Bruce Weeks** of Quality Assurance, and his wife, Joan, on the March 18 birth of their son, Jason Nicholas who weighed in at eight pounds, eight ounces. Mother and son are fine. Bruce's five-year old son, Jared, feels Jason cries too much, especially at 4 a.m...**Bill Ehrler**, also of Quality Assurance, and very involved in his Bucktown Neighborhood, says any artists interested in entering an exhibit at the Bucktown Arts Fest, set for August 23-24, should contact him on Ext. 4783 as soon as possible...Did you know that experience is a wonderful thing? It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Patricia Glines

Materials Management

On February 18, procurement engineers **Bob Knudsen** (Electrical), **Bernie Kazlauskas** (Chemical), and **Ron Tabor** (Electrical) again hosted an engineers coffee to celebrate National Engineers Week, February 16-22. The theme was "Engineers: Turning Ideas Into Reality." This annual get-together provides a unique opportunity for CTA's engineers to become aware of each other's areas of interest and contributions to the company. In conjunction with Engineers Week, a rally sponsored by the National Society for Professional Engineers was held at the Daley Plaza on February 19, 1986. Congratulations boys and gals!..We take this opportunity to congratulate **Helena Ward** who does an excellent job as our receptionist. This can be attested to by the many commendations she receives throughout the year from our vendors...Congratulations to **Dorothy Doljanin**, Utility Clerk, Stores at Warehouse 20, who retired after 33 years of service. An Open House was held in her honor and was attended by many of her coworkers...**Zaven Guediguian** is home from the hospital recuperating from surgery, and we're all glad of that. We are looking forward to seeing you back at your post very soon...Recuperating along with Zaven are **Ruth Ann Miles**, **Carol Griseto** and **Lori Muhling**. We hope to see all



This Skokie golf foursome plus one were among participants in February's "Chilly Open" Golf Tournament at Arlington Lakes Country Club. Standing properly attired for the weather and armed with equipment for the occasion are (from left) blacksmith and welder Ken Blocker,

electrical worker Jeff Tierney, Edward Bomski, golfing friend of the Skokie Foursome, and improvement engineer William Crocker. The other member of the Skokie foursome is (kneeling) blacksmith and welder Mark Bianchini.

of you back to work feeling fit as a fiddle...We welcome new employees assigned to the Administration Section: **Valerie Townsend**, clerk-typist; **Diane DeWitt** and **Denise Robinson**, both COA's, and **Frank Allison**, file clerk in the Records Center...**Darold Person**, Payroll Clerk, his wife Susan, 9 year old James, and 1½ year old Mark drove to Florida for the first time this winter. They visited many tourist spots and especially enjoyed Parrott Jungle...This reporter and **Kay Corcoran**, Treasury Department, spent 7 days in Honolulu and 7 days in Maui. We had a great time visiting with old acquaintances and making some new friends.

Arlene Zittman

Harlem Maintenance

Congratulations and a mountain of thanks to **Mr. Rick Willis**, and the Transit News staff, for making it a superbly interesting magazine to read from cover to cover. Way to go...Now for the new arrivals, **Mrs. Judy Langhamer**, wife of **Joe Langhamer** of the Signal Department, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Kimberly Marie, on February 12. Kimberly weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and was 19½ inches long. That makes three beautiful girls for the Langhamers. The newest arrival joins 4-year old Julie, and 2-year old

Lori...Good luck to **Mike Vasquez** on his retirement after 37 years of devoted service. We salute all the retired foremen from Harlem Shop. Included are: **Bob Flowers**, **John Canella**, **Aaron Swoope**, **Mike Kristman**, and **Sheldon (Shakey) Rita**, all men of iron, and a special breed who will be hard to surpass--my kind of people...Our deepest sympathy to **Tom Togher** on the February 6 loss of his sister, Mary...It is a great honor for me to be an Inside New reporter for Transit News.

Mike McGuinness



Dr. Catherine Mary Dudley (Katie) is completing her first year of residency as an intern at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She is a 1985 graduate of the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, and earned her baccalaureate degree in 1981 from Notre Dame University. Dr. Dudley is also a 1977 graduate of the Immaculate Heart of Mary High School in Westchester. Her proud parents are Maintenance Safety Supervisor Jim Dudley of Kedzie, and his wife, Hanoria (Nan).

Service anniversaries in March

45 Years

John Cannon, Ass't Compt. Office

40 Years

Willard Frieb, North Park
Joseph Grojean, Bus Service
Alex Johnson, Transp. Personnel
Malcolm Simpson, Esc. Mtc.

35 Years

Patrick Clifford, Ass't Compt. Office
Herbert Dillard, Ashland Terminal
Olson Jackson, Kedzie
Benjamin Perkins, 77th Street
Joseph Vodvarka, Operations

30 Years

Alfred Berry, Rail System
Willie Burch, District C
John Davis, South Shops
Earl Haskell, Racine Mtc.
Perry Liddell, Rail System
Pedro Ramos, Rail System
Luis Velez, Esc. Mtc.

25 Years

Kenneth Blocker, Sub-Assembly/Mech.
Salvador Carbonell, Bus Pers.-North
Margaret Ellison, South Shops
James Flores, Mech. Mtc.
Howard Helfert, Sheet Metal
William Lyke Jr., Mech. Mtc.
George Martens, Forest Glen
Maurice Miller, Limits
Mack Mister Jr., North Avenue
Steve Nicpon, Forest Glen
James Reidy, Signal, Phone & Radio
Lloyd St. James, Bus Pers.-South
James Stephen, Operations Control
Kenneth Stolz, North Avenue
Arturo Valdez, North Park

North Park

CTA Rodeo Champion!! Well, will North Park be the garage to receive all that publicity and hoopla when one of our operators is announced as the 1986 winner? Could be, could be...Recently-announced names making the eligibility list on the first steps to the actual Rodeo are: **Michael J. O'Neill**, **Oscar M. Repellin**, **Jack Bryson**, **Daniel Joseph**, **Jose Moreno**, **Bernie M. Majewski**, **Robert T. Devitt**, **Jesus M. Vasquez**, **Melvin Little**, **Jamie Sandoval**, **Jesse Chin**, **Yakup Sabanoff**, **Brian Dollas**, **Louis Ward**, **Jean M. Cage**, and **Miguel A. Hernandez**. Go for it, people!..For those of us who like to swim, swim, and sink at the beach on summer vacation now's your chance



CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** presented certificates of achievement to claim department personnel, as a culmination of in-house Claim Department courses related to principles of investigation, interpreting medical reports and voice recorded statements. Claims representatives have also completed a three week property damage estimating course at Vale Technical Institute in Pennsylvania. Recipients of the recent certificates of achievement are, from left (seated), **Donald Werdell**, manager, Claims; **Margaret Conway**, supervisor, Claims Subrogation; General Attorney **Hughes**; **Michael Vitale**, director, Claims Management. Standing (from left) are

John Powers, Associate General Attorney, Tort-Workers Compensation-Claims; **John Smith**, supervisor, Claims Examiner; **Omar Colon** and **Anthony Ritrovato**, claims representatives; **Daniel Martorelli**, superintendent, Claims Examiner-Investigations; **Thomas McCue**, and **Jesse Jumper**, claims representatives; **Harold Friedl**, claims law coordinator; **Arthur Thomas**, claims analyst; **Jeffery Campos**, claims analyst; **Thomas Stepp** and **Richard Smith**, claims representatives; **Frederick Ridley**, claims accident clerk; **William Uhl**, claims representative, and **Lawrence Grey**, supervisor, Claims Examination.

to really test your water wings. Operator **Stanley Stevenson** is able to get reduced rates for an ocean cruise, Love Boat style, for those operators who want to try a new experience come vacation time. Stan says he has gone to Nassau and other stops in the Bahamas aboard ship in 1985 and his photos don't show him looking bored at all!! North Park's Credit Union dinner turned out really nice by way of their recently held meeting at the White Eagle restaurant...Lest anyone else is wondering where he is, our walking encyclopedia of run schedules and anything else related is now working as a travel information representative in the "burbs." **Reed A. Becker** would make a great driver methinks...Did our retiree **Dale Peters** ever hear from his friend from Arizona who inquired about him a while ago? Hope so...**Arturo Valdez** capped 25 years service on the buses recently but plans on staying behind the wheel a while yet. Bet you didn't know Mr. Valdez has a son, **Arturo, Jr.**, working as a conductor these past 7 years from Kimball terminal AND another son, **Sergio**, who has worked in the Electrical dept. at Skokie Shops these last 5 years...Now that **Ophelia**

Service anniversaries in April

45 Years

Lester Rage, Forest Glen

40 Years

Vernon Coleman, Schedules

35 Years

Harvey Bey, Kedzie
Donald Crandall, Budget & Manpower
Howard Gubernatz, Elec. Dist.
Eddie Mitchell, 77th Street
Richard Morrow, 77th Street
Theodore Vernon, Ashland Terminal

30 Years

Elijah Brown, Rail System
Charles Hodges, Instruction
George Lahori, 77th Street
Lawrence May, Ashland Terminal
Zane McBay, 77th Street
Carlos Pitts, Track & Roadway
Woodrow Wallace, Douglas/Congress

25 Years

Thomas Chorak, General Mtc.
Richard Celmons, 77th Street
Webster Dahmer, Kedzie
Roman Doubek, Douglas/Congress
Timothy McDonagh, Rail Service
James McDonald, District B
John Odom, District D
Denis O'Donoghue, Archer
Oliver Ross, Blacksmith & Welding
Felix Velinske Jr., Kimball Mtc.
James Williams Jr., Central Counting

Ellis is working here at our station, North Park can claim title to the fact that the first three female operators hired are at one location. **Mary Wallace** is the first and clerk **Lorraine Newton** is the second...Our quiet operator in Evanston, **Ed Unrein** recently celebrated his 25th year of putt-putting aboard the buses



Twenty-two Kennedy King College alumni, all CTA employees, were honored recently at a banquet sponsored by the college and the Illinois Association for the Advancement of Black Americans in Vocational Education. Receiving Kennedy King's Special Recognition Award as an outstanding applied science alumnus was **James Elliot**, a 1974 graduate who joined CTA in 1966. Elliot is a performance control analyst for Engineering and Maintenance. Other honorees, all from South Shops, were: **Ernest Johnson**, **Frank Holton, Jr.**, **Anthony Tunious**, **Lorenzo Ballard**, **Duane Dooley**, **Earl Jones**, **Richard Jones**, **Frank Boyd**, **Alfonso Clark**, **Joe Dixon**, **Manuel Edwards**, **Leon Gardner**, **William Jennings**, **Lonzo Lyles**, **Vincent Rooft**, **Ray Slater**, **Randolph Strahan**, **Robert Turner**, **Herman White**, **Patrick Small**, and **Carol A. Bowman**, General Office.

with a gathering of the family at home with his wife Opal, her two sisters and her brother, and a nephew...Look who won those new uniforms we are all looking forward to wearing v-e-r-y shortly. Winners are: **G. Garcia**, **J. Dickerson**, **W. Velez** and **R. J. Lopez**. Notice similar driving styles between North Park's father and son team **Ray** and **Anllido Larragoity**? Dad Anllido works Clark Street...Either North Park has an echo in the morning hours or maybe we're just hearing someone's radio playing overtime. Then again maybe it's Mr. "Star Search" himself, **Joe Cobb**, serenading those of us who are trying to while away the time on our fallback. Keep singing, Joe, we all know you sang at North Park's Christmas party last year...North Park's picnic committee is attempting to get organized to give a picnic in the latter part of June. So maybe you have some ideas?? If so, c'mon, get with it and volunteer to help out.

Mike Flores

North Section

Ticket agent **Mary Ann Taylor** and her husband, Archer bus operator **Louis Taylor**, made their 14th wedding anniversary a family affair on February 4 as they dined at Maxwell Sweeney's Restaurant in Calumet City's River Oaks Shopping Center...Topping ticket agent **Maggie Barret**'s vacation would be hard since one of the great events she enjoyed was watching the Bears-Patriots football game in New Orleans.

Josephine Anderson



CTA retiree **Harold J. Rowbottom** (photo), and **Gerald C. Hoff**, Division Manager, Grant Programming for Metra, the rail division of RTA, were inducted into office as president and treasurer, respectively, at the January meeting of the Illinois Section, Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Rowbottom, who has continued his activities with the ITE since retiring in 1983, is the first CTA person to hold the Illinois Section presidency since **Evan Olmstead**, who occupied the office in 1960.

Hoff is former CTA director of Plans and Programs. He resigned in October 1984 after 10 years to join RTA.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers is a world-wide organization of transportation professionals with over 6500 members, approximately 275 of which are located in Illinois. The organization is dedicated to aiding the growth and development of the transportation profession.

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Lawrence E. Agin, 77, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-4-27, Died 2-18-86

James Broz, 65, West Shops,
Emp. 3-27-58, Died 2-25-86

Louis Burdzinski, 74, Archer,
Emp. 10-17-42, Died 2-4-86

Archibald Cameron, 83, 52nd Street,
Emp. 7-21-36, Died 2-3-86

Robert R. Crane, 58, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-29-46, Died 2-5-86

Michael J. Grimes, 85, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-18-33, Died 2-11-86

William J. Grzesinski, 66, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-10-47, Died 2-7-86

Lawrence W. Heise, 77, Transportation,
Emp. 3-26-30, Died 2-9-86

Hugh B. Kelley, 85, South Shops,
Emp. 8-22-18, Died 2-19-86

Andrew Kotowicz, 87, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 8-13-23, Died 2-27-86

Robert F. Lyons, 76, West Section,
Emp. 10-1-41, Died 2-5-86

Michael F. Nails, 93, Lawndale,
Emp. 4-19-17, Died 2-26-86

John Cacciato, 72, Vehicle Maintenance,
Emp. 1-20-42, Died 11-6-85

Anton Partyka, 80, North Park,
Emp. 10-5-36, Died 2-7-86

George Petrides, 90., Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 10-18-16, Died 2-6-86

James Rivers, 73, 52nd Street,
Emp. 4-25-45, Died 2-23-86

Frank R. Soukup, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-20-28, Died 2-21-86

Benjamin J. Tausch, 86, Claim,
Emp. 2-4-36, Died 2-18-86

Walter E. Walsh, 84, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-20-27, Died 2-12-86

William E. Whittenhill, 56, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-5-52, Died 2-4-86

"Tokens" of appreciation

Special gift items for transit fans are being offered for sale for the first time by the CTA Promotional Services section. CTA tokens attractively plated with jeweler's metal (gold in appearance) are the focal points of stick pins (not shown), tie tacks, tie bars, and cuff links. Current supply is limited, but all orders will be filled over a period of time.

Please use the order form below or a Xerox copy thereof. **Payment must be made by check only, payable to "Chicago Transit Authority."**

Mail your order form to: **TOKEN JEWELRY, CTA Promotional Services, Room 734, P.O. Box 3555, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654.**

Please allow a minimum of eight (8) weeks for delivery. Your jewelry will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service to the address on your order form.



Token Jewelry Order Form

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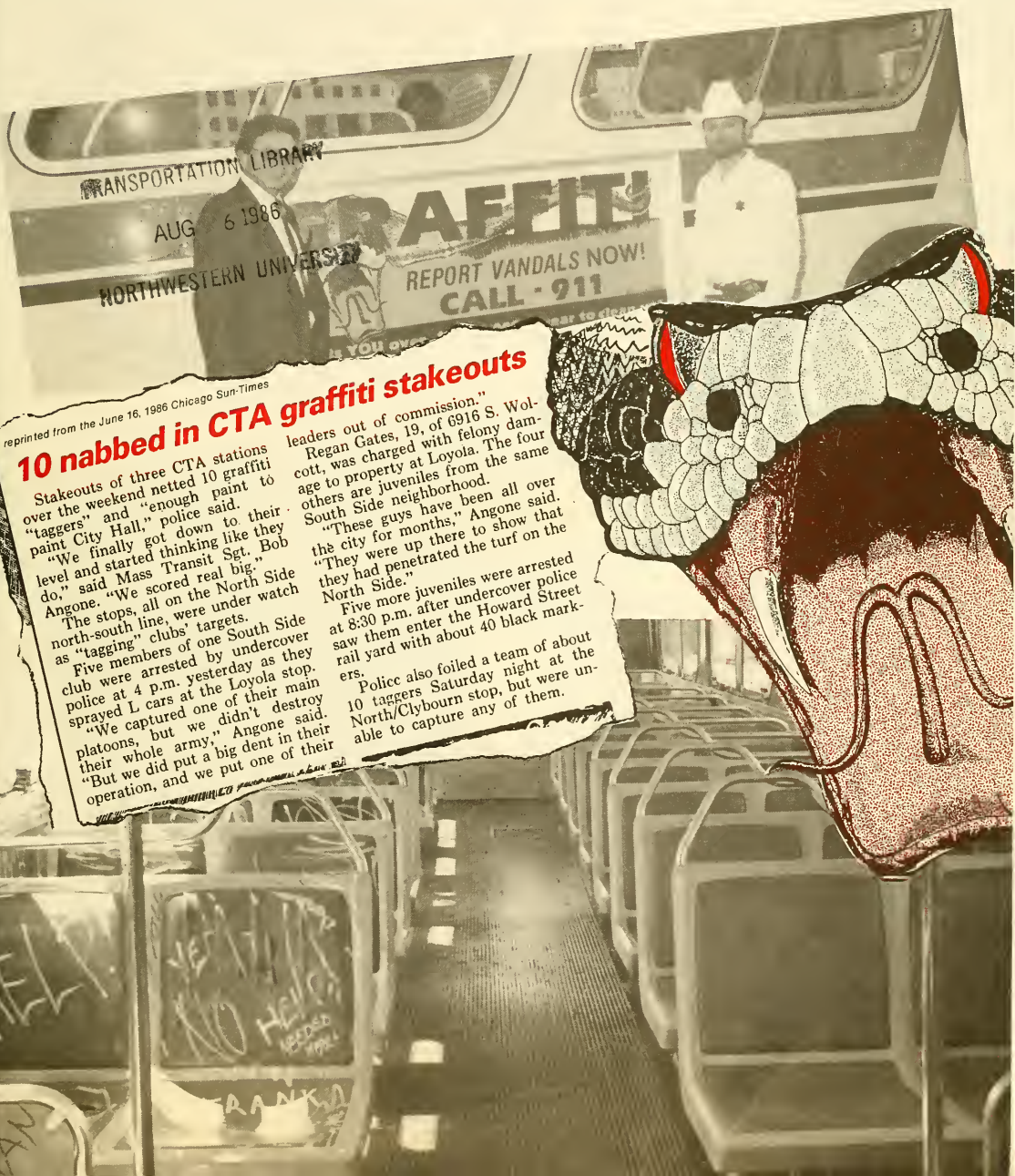
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10 nabbed in CTA graffiti stakeouts

Stakeouts of three CTA stations over the weekend netted 10 graffiti "taggers" and "enough paint to paint City Hall," police said.

"We finally got down to their level and started thinking like they do," said Mass Transit Sgt. Bob Angone. "We scored real big."

The stops, all on the North Side north-south line, were under watch as "tagging" clubs' targets.

Five members of one South Side club were arrested by undercover police at 4 p.m. yesterday as they sprayed L cars at the Loyola stop.

"We captured one of their main platoons, but we didn't destroy their whole army," Angone said. "But we did put a big dent in their operation, and we put one of their

leaders out of commission."

Regan Gates, 19, of 6916 S. Wolcott, was charged with felony damage to property at Loyola. The four others are juveniles from the same South Side neighborhood.

"These guys have been all over the city for months," Angone said. "They were up there to show that they had penetrated the turf on the North Side."

Five more juveniles were arrested at 8:30 p.m. after undercover police saw them enter the Howard Street rail yard with about 40 black markers.

Police also foiled a team of about 10 taggers Saturday night at the North/Clybourn stop, but were unable to capture any of them.



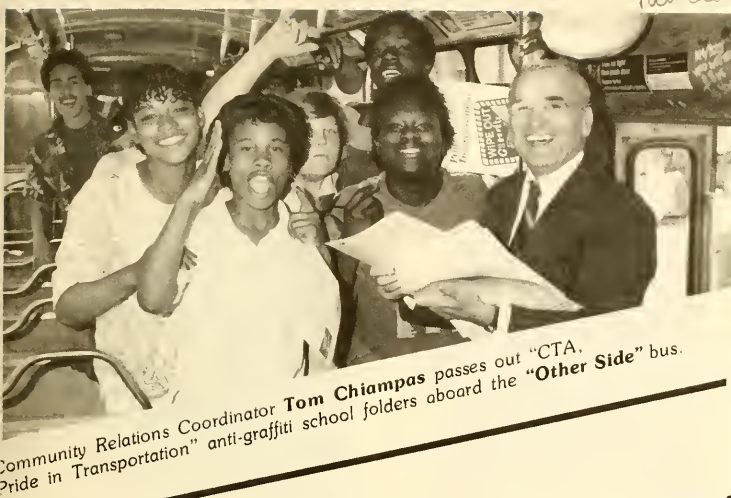
Students at **Schubert Elementary School** tour the "Other Side" bus and gain "first hand" knowledge of the difficulty of removing unsightly graffiti, as part of CTA's ongoing school visitation program.

cta's Anti-graffiti campaign



the interior of the "Other Side" bus

Sheriff Pride deputizes (from left) **Betty Edwards**, manager, Community Affairs; **Ira Harris**, deputy superintendent, Bureau of Community Service, Chicago Police Department, and **Tim Spencer**, representing Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode



Community Relations Coordinator **Tom Chiampas** passes out "CTA, Pride in Transportation" anti-graffiti school folders aboard the "Other Side" bus.

sets Pride in Transportation month



Left to right: Cook County Sheriff **Richard Elrod**, CTA Board Member **Howard Medley**, Chicago Police Superintendent **Fred Rice**, CTA Chairman **Michael Cardilli**, CTA's Sheriff Pride (**David Bremer**, Stores, Skokie) and Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto** launched CTA's Anti-Graffiti Campaign at a press conference in the CTA board room.

Mayor **Harold Washington**, Police Superintendent **Fred Rice**, Cook County Sheriff **Richard Elrod**, and representatives from the States Attorney's office and Chicago Public and Archdiocesan schools joined CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** in announcing the anti-graffiti campaign.

The "Other Side" bus, a specially prepared vehicle, was on display at the Merchandise Mart to illustrate the effects of graffiti. Included among dignitaries present for the anti-graffiti campaign kickoff and inspection of the bus was **Tim Spencer** of the City of Philadelphia who was representing Mayor **Wilson Goode**.

The "Other Side" bus, created by sections of the Public Affairs department with the assistance of employees in various departments at South Shops, is a display of graffiti, litter and evidence of vandalism on one side of an otherwise serviceable vehicle. The other half of the bus is clean.

The vehicle is being used to tour Chicago area schools and community organizations with coordinators from the Community Relations department to promote pride in transportation and discourage graffiti and acts of vandalism.

CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli called upon all to assist in the fight against graffiti. "Without the cooperation of our riders and all Chicagoans any effort CTA puts forth will be wasted," the Chairman said.

"We need concerned citizens to report acts of graffiti and vandalism immediately to the police by calling 911. If a bus or train is marred with graffiti, it should be reported. We must work together to wipe out graffiti before it spreads farther," the Chairman said.

Police Superintendent Fred Rice encouraged the use of 911 for reporting acts of vandalism and graffiti because he said such acts are considered by police as crime in progress.

In addition to the "Other Side" bus, **David Bremer** of Skokie Store Room 42, was introduced as Sheriff Pride, CTA's anti-graffiti crusader. Bremer, dressed in the typical "good guy" white hat and wearing matching white shirt and jeans, stood at the ready with a holstered bottle of cleaning solution, and a cloth to wipe out graffiti wherever it appeared. He also deputized campaign volunteers including Sheriff Elrod and Superintendent Rice.

From the Chairman New approaches

On behalf of my fellow board members and all CTA employees, I welcome Walter Clark and James Charlton to the Chicago Transit Board.

Mr. Clark brings CTA a wealth of business expertise and accomplishment, concern for the welfare of CTA riders and employees, and a commitment to provide efficient transit service at reasonable cost.

Mr. Charlton is sensitive to the needs of handicapped riders, and he understands the overall needs of the riding public. His previous experience at CTA and other organizations will be a fine contribution to our board.

We also congratulate James Gallagher at the close of his term as a board member. Mr. Gallagher served in many capacities, including Vice Chairman and Pension Committee Chairman. Chicago financial analysts have praised the success of our pension fund investments and our commitment to invest in our local communities. Through these investments we are providing financial security for CTA employees and retirees, the lowest possible fare for our riders, and a boost to the local economy that benefits all Chicagoans.

Chicagoans will also benefit from our extensive Anti-Graffiti program which is already showing encouraging results. The Chicago Police have increased their surveillance of CTA vehicles, stations, garages and rail yards, and several graffiti "taggers" have been arrested. Our maintenance crews continue to remove graffiti whenever it appears. And our "Other Side" anti-graffiti bus has been received enthusiastically at school visitations. Students are learning that graffiti is ugly, that we all bear the expense of graffiti removal, and that graffiti "taggers" will be arrested and punished.

All CTA employees must join our anti-graffiti force by reporting graffiti crime in progress and by discouraging graffiti "taggers" whenever possible. Let's clean up CTA and clean up our city.

Michael Randell

Mayor appoints two CTA board members

Mayor Harold Washington has named Citicorp Savings of Illinois Executive Vice President **Walter Clark** and former CTA Special Services Scheduling Supervisor **James I. Charlton** to the Chicago Transit Board.



Walter Clark, who assumes a new term which expires September 1, 1992, replaces former board member James Gallagher. Clark is an alumnus of Southern Illinois University, where he was recently inducted as a charter member of the College of Business and Administration Alumni Hall of Fame.

He also holds an MBA from DePaul University and completed Harvard University's Advanced Management program in 1971.

Clark said of his appointment, "I want to be sure the business operates properly because it affects CTA employees as well as the people we serve. I'd like to know that we run an efficient service at a reasonable cost."

Clark is an active member of the Hyde Park community where he resides with his wife, Juanita. The Clark family also includes a son, Hilton P., and a daughter, Jaunine.



James I. Charlton who is disabled, is director of programs for Access Living, a Chicago independent living center for the disabled. He has also worked for the U.S. Department of Energy, and was director of energy policy and research for the American Hospital Association. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

He was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of former Finance Committee Chairman Michael I. Brady, who resigned from the CTA Board last year. The term expires September 1, 1987.

Charlton said of his appointment, "While I bring a perspective to the CTA about the disabled, I feel a responsibility to all of CTA's riders. My interest is a lot broader than those who are disabled."

VCR Winners

Carmella Petrella, payroll control clerk, general office, receives a video cassette recorder from general office mail clerk **Willie Poole**. Ms. Petrella was one of six CTA employees whose names were pulled in a drawing of employees who heard the Investor Life Insurance program plan. Other winners were **Patricia Reed**, bus operator, 77th Street garage; **Bennie Wesley**, bus operator, Archer garage; **Paul Ruebe**, Gerald A. Lynch, Jr., and **Stephen Favre**, all of South Shops.



Acts of heroism merit 'Day in CTA' honors

A South Section rapid transit crew, a North rail pool supervisor, and a West-Northwest rail conductor were named "Day in CTA" heroes and heroines in recognition of the service they rendered to CTA riders recently.

Motorman **John Duggan** and conductor **Robert Jordan** received special recognition for their teamwork in extinguishing a fire which had started on the seat of the motorcab in one of the rail cars. The fire was noticed as the train was pulling into the platform at Ashland terminal.

Duggan and Jordan each took fire extinguishers from two other cars and brought the fire under control within five minutes. Thus, the damage to equipment and service delay were minimized.

Meanwhile, **San Juana Montes de Oca**, a pool supervisor, was also on duty at the terminal during the fire. Ms. Montes de Oca saw the smoke and immediately contacted Communication/Power Control to request that the electrical power be cut. Police were sent and the proper reports were filed. Ms. Montes de Oca's prompt action aided the train crew in restoring service quickly and minimizing property damage.

Mrs. Cleo Jackson Lofton, the O'Hare conductor who revived a 10-month old unconscious infant after its mother and other passengers had feared that it might have died, was also among "Day in CTA" honorees.

Mrs. Lofton, trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, initiated mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the near-lifeless child after taking it from the mother who sat in despair clutching the baby frantically. Paramedics met the train at Lake Transfer, and took both mother and infant to Cook County Hospital.

It was a different kind of heroism, however, which earned "Day in CTA" honors for **Anna Gonzales**. Ms. Gonzales, a ticket agent, was working the Loyola station on the north-south route when a man, fitting the police description of a suspected rapist, entered. The agent notified the control center and police were dispatched. Trains were held outside the station until the officers arrived, and the suspect was taken into custody.

In other police related matters involving alert and courageous CTA operating personnel, the theft of an operator's transfers and punch was stymied by Beverly Operator

Waymon Jeffrey when he struggled with an errant youth who had grabbed the items from the operator and fled from his bus. Jeffrey gave chase and retrieved the items.

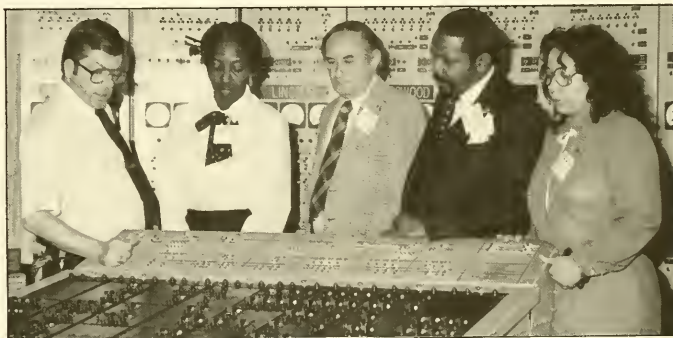
Harlem motorman **Odie Jones**, also distinguished himself on the west-south route when he held his train outside the California station to aid policemen in the arrest of a man suspected of attempting to molest a young woman aboard the train.

Two other "Day in CTA" honorees being honored were North Avenue Instructor **Jesse Byrd**, and director, Administration and Quality Control **William Mooney**. Byrd who joined CTA in 1953, has been an instructor for nearly eight years. He was honored for having demonstrated leadership in the instruction section. He was also instrumental in winning the prestigious CTA Quarterly Public Safety Award during the last three quarters of 1985. Co-workers say Byrd's interest and dedication to

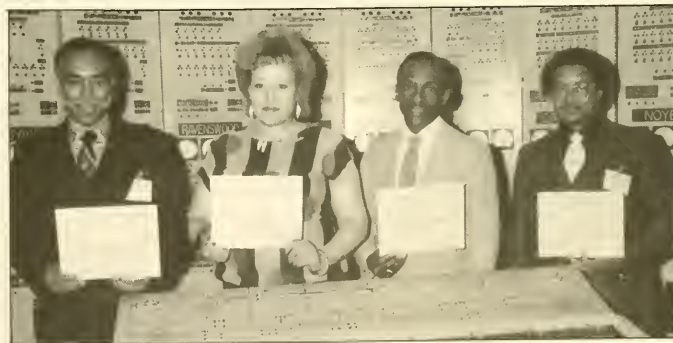
fellow employees is "exemplary."

Special recognition on "Day in CTA" was extended to **Mooney** for his "determination, diligence and perseverance in resolving an extremely difficult task" as project manager of the new uniforms for operating personnel. As manager, Mooney was required to pull together a group representing operating employees, the union, Materials Management, Labor Relations and others. He resolved such problems as fabric specifications, uniform cut for women and creation of a new fresh look for all uniformed employees.

Mooney was applauded for coordinating ideas and input from as many employees as possible, and for contacting vendors who demonstrated and presented samples of their products. He also had employees model and determined whether vendors could meet CTA's needs for new uniforms.



CTA controller **George Hand** (left) explains the power control area to **Day in CTA** honorees **Cleo Jackson Lofton**, **John Duggan**, **Robert Jordan**, and **San Juana Montes de Oca**.



Proudly displaying their **Day in CTA** certificates of recognition are (from left) **Jesse Byrd**, **Anna Gonzales**, **Odie Jones**, and **Waymon Jeffrey**.

Kedzie, G.O. take

The 1986 annual sports banquet honoring CTA basketball and volleyball teams, individual players, coaches, and other support personnel was held May 16 at the Americana Congress hotel.

Championship volleyball honors went to the Kedzie Destroyers, coached by **Johnny Coleman**, and captained by **Madelyn Carrasco**. **Rhonda Robinson** was co-captain. Other members of the championship team were **Brenda Adams, Dorothy Bentley, Joe Carter, Adelaina Garcia, Mel Bernice Simmons, Mary Rogers, Mitchell Austin, Alfonsa Brooks, Dave Flores, Johnny Moore**, and **Jimmy Walker**.

The 95th Street Terminators, coached by **Jesse Farley** and managed by **Esther McKelker**, team captain **Debra Boyd**, took second place. Third place honors went to the General Office-Operations GO team, coached by **Karen King**, and managed by **Shirley McClure**. The team captain was **James McPhee**. In fourth place were the Limits Eagles with Coach **Raymond Gosha**, and Manager **Linda Downing**. **Barbara Williams** was the team captain.

Players representing North Avenue, Kedzie, Limits and 95th Street comprised the North Section Volleyball Allstars coached by **Hollis Lewis** of North Avenue, and managed by **Linda Downing** of Limits. The South Section Allstars included players from 95th, 69th and 77th Streets as well as General Office. **Karen King** of General Office coached the South Section, while **Jesse Farley** of 95th Street was manager.

Volleyball league officers for the 1985-86 season were: **Dianna Caston**, coordinator; **Clark Carter**, assistant coordinator; **Linda Downing**, secretary; **Karen King**, financial secretary; and **Electra De Alba**, treasurer.



Volleyball's Coach of the Year award recipient **Johnny Coleman** (left) of Kedzie, and Most Valuable Player **Joe Jones** of 69th Street, share the limelight.



"We're Number One" says **Mel Bernice Simmons** of the Kedzie Destroyers as she cradles volleyball's coveted first place trophy. Others with trophies are **Johnny Coleman** (left), Coach of the Year, and **Johnny Moore**, Division championship. Kedzie Superintendent **Clark Carter** (right), was the league's assistant coordinator.



It was a second place trophy for the 95th Street Terminators. Superintendent **Ardis Morris** (center/left) holds the team trophy as team members display individual prizes.



A tough third place crew was this General Office-Operations GO team. Holding the team trophy is Deputy Executive Director/Operations **Harry Reddrick** (center) as team members present their individual awards.

top sports honors



Basketball's champion Outlaws, representing the General Office, held their third consecutive victory celebration after receiving the 1985-86 championship trophy on floor). Other Outlaw trophies displayed are the Division championship, held by teammate Willie Tucker (left), Coach of the Year plaque, presented to Coach Arthur Hubbard (kneeling), and the Most Valuable Player award presented to Duane Gray (right).



Mike LaVelle, (center), sponsor of the General Office Raiders, holds the team's second place trophy. Team members proudly display their individual awards.



It was third place for the West Side 'L' cagers. Displaying the trophy is manager Larry McNeil.

Championship basketball honors for the third consecutive year went to the General Office Outlaws whose new mentor, **Arthur Hubbard**, was also named Coach of the Year. **Marvin Kelsey** was assistant coach. The team was comprised of **Morris Bond, Michael Ewing, John Harvey, Michael Rembert, Phillip Ross,** and **Willie Tucker**. Hubbard was also coach of the American League basketball Allstars.

Other members of the 1985-86 basketball championship team were **Renardo Coleman, Duane Gray, Carl King, Tony Reynolds** and **Charles Rowe**. The team was sponsored by **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction.

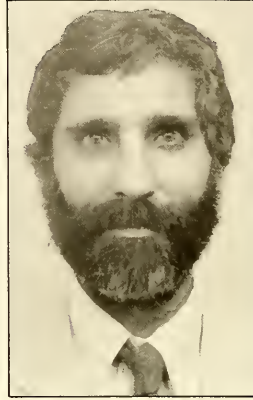
Former Outlaws Coach **Arliss Jones** and Coach **Daryl Lampkins** were mentors of the second place General Office Raiders sponsored by **Mike LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services. Third place honors went to the West-Side 'L' with Coach **Larry Buford**, and Manager **Larry McNeil**, the 1984-85 sports coordinator.

Finishing fourth in the basketball season was North Avenue, coached by **Johnney Gines, Jr.** However, North Avenue's **Anton McFadden** finished the season as the individual player with the most points in both the playoffs as well as in a single game. A statistical tally of McFadden's points was not immediately available.

The basketball board of directors included **Arliss Jones**, coordinator; **James Brown**, ticket agent; **Curtis Coleman**, Kedzie; **Johnney Gines**, North Avenue, and **Mike Hawkins**, 69th Street.

Other basketball board members were: **Wallace Howard**, 77th Street; **Arthur Hubbard**, Outlaws; **Daryl Lampkins**, Raiders; **James McGaughy**, Trackers, and **Larry McNeil**, West-Side 'L.'

Jerry Turner (North Avenue garage) was called "a truly wonderful bus driver" by Darlene Krauss, of Barry Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 54 Cicero bus. "He is such a kind person. I rarely see him without a smile on his face. He always makes sure passengers get off at the right stop if they don't know their way. Most of all, he knows how to drive a bus. You can stand on his bus and hold on with one hand. He doesn't stop hard and fast at every stop. You don't have to worry about falling on your face or into the person standing next to you. I just wish the CTA had a few hundred more like him."



Arthur Alpert (North Section) was admired as "a conductor who is not only top-notch, but one who exemplifies the highest level of performance standards" by Jean Baucom, an Evanston city official. "He is well above average in providing riders with timely information about upcoming stops and where to transfer. His enunciation is so clear that you never find yourself saying, 'What was that?' His courteous manner and positive attitude make me feel that my use of the CTA is valued and appreciated. The way he carries out his responsibilities and interacts with riders creates an outstanding impression."

Willie James (North Park garage) is appreciated by Edna McEwen, of North Lake Shore Drive, a rider on his No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus. "He actually thanks passengers when they put in their fare or show their pass. In short, he is a model driver. But this morning, he went beyond the call of duty. Just before his bus got to my stop, I put a quarter in the newspaper machine, and as it closed, the strap to my bag got caught in it. When he saw my predicament, he jumped off the bus, managed somehow to free my bag, and was back on the bus, all in the space of maybe ten seconds. And I arrived at work on time!"

Charlotte Brent (North Section) was thanked for her help as a ticket agent at the Clark/Lake 'L' station by Susan Holdreith, a United Airlines flight attendant. "As I transferred to the Ravenswood to go home, a man took my wallet out of my purse while I was struggling with my luggage through the turnstile. The woman in the booth started screaming at the man, and yelling to me that he was taking my wallet. She startled him so much that he gave it back to me and ran off. If it were not for her being aware and concerned, I would be without my wallet today. I am very grateful to her and praise her for her integrity."

Bruce Williams (North Avenue garage) is regarded as "a model for all your bus drivers" by Stella Dytko, of Cortez Street, for his handling of a No. 74 Fullerton bus. "He approached the curb at all times for riders getting on or off. He drove the bus without jerking you off your feet. The ride was smooth, and he called the next stop beforehand and could be heard clearly. He answered questions in a patient and polite manner. It meant much to me, as I have arthritis, which makes it difficult for me to board the bus. But coming to the curb as he did made it much easier. I wish more drivers were like him."

Jacques Yezeguelian (Forest Glen garage) was commended by Robert Gurney, of Highland Avenue, for his professional handling of a No. 90N North Harlem bus. "He helps senior citizens by waiting for them to get to the bus stop. On one occasion, he got out and helped get a senior and her bag on the bus. Another time, seeing an accident, he managed to block traffic with his bus, saving a lady from injury. To me, it shows he cares for people. He leads by example, always being helpful and courteous. I am sure if you asked senior citizens on North Harlem who their favorite driver is, they would say he is the one."

James Detomasi (North Section) won praise from Christine Rainey, of Wilton Avenue, for his performance as conductor of a Ravenswood train. "He did more than just call out the stops and say, 'Watch your step' and 'Let the passengers out.' He wished everyone a good day and a pleasant weekend. He also made the ride interesting and fun with added comments on local points of interest, and bits of shopping, dining and historical information as well. Just looking around me, I could see that everyone was enjoying the ride as much as I was, and when the people got off that train, they were still smiling."

Eldred Hall (North Park garage) caught the attention of LaRue Boenig, of Sherwin Avenue, for "being so punctual one could set his clock by him" as he operated a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus. "He always demonstrates enthusiasm and obvious interest toward his work. His performance as a bus driver is outstanding. He always treats the passengers in a pleasant and courteous manner, and is always thoughtful and considerate. He realizes his job is to pick up passengers. Many times he would look to see if one of his regular riders was running for the bus. And if so, he would wait for them. He is prompt and polite."

Congratulations

1985 was our safest year

CTA had fewer traffic and passenger accidents in 1985 than in any previous year in its history, recording 5.0 accidents per 100,000 miles of operation, or two percent fewer than the previous low of 5.1 in 1983.

Chief Administrative Officer Larry Pianto said, "The 1985 record is the clearest indication I can think of that CTA is concerned about the safety and welfare of its riders. We know that this was a result not only of greater care by operating personnel, but also of

increased efforts by instructors and supervisors, and by the maintenance and safety departments."

During the year, CTA's fleet of 2,275 buses and 1,200 rapid transit cars were operated more than 126 million miles. Each vehicle averaged 19,940 miles between traffic or passenger accidents, compared to only 4,785 miles in 1947. That was when CTA took over most public transit in Chicago, and had 60 percent more transit vehicles in operation.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen

Ora Berry, North Avenue
Ramona Bolden, 77th Street
Daventer, Bond, Beverly
Kench Borum, 77th Street
Robbie Brown, Limits
Gerald Budzisz, North Park
Gordon Butler, South Sect.

Jean Cage, North Park
Ted Cain, Limits

George Calhoun, 69th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Madelyn, Carrasco, Kedzie
Roberto Cartagena, Jefferson Park
Delois Carter, Forest Glen
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Walter Christian, Archer
John Church, North Park
Lenzie Coaster, Doug/Congress
Danny Coleman, Jefferson Park

Victor Davila, North Park
James Detomasi, Howard/Kimball
Oscar Douglas Jr., North Park

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street

Willie Fowler, Jefferson Park

Daniel Galarza, North Park
Leonard Gibbs III, North Park
Howard Green, North Park

August Hallmann, Forest Glen
Alfred Harris, Rail Sys.

John Hartman, North Avenue
A. Hill, Forest Glen

Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball
Mary Holt, Limits
Robert Hopkins Sr., Forest Glen
Donald Hudson, Forest Glen

Leroy Jackson Jr., Kedzie
Willie James, North Park
Eula Jarrett, North Park
Darrell Jarrett, Jefferson Park
Eileen Jensen, Forest Glen
Undrell Johnson, 77th Street
Leonard Johnson, Howard/Kimball
Allen Johnson, Howard/Kimball
Charles Johnson, Forest Park
Lena Jones, Howard/Kimball
Kenneth Jones, Ashland

Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Frederick Kersh Jr., 77th Street
Robert Kremer, North Park

Lazaro Lafita, Central Bus District
Julio Leyva, Forest Glen

Enrique Marquez, North Park
Willie Martin, North Avenue
Lura Martin, North Avenue
Robert Martinez, North Park
Joseph Maryland, Limits
Hager McFarland, Forest Glen
Waltraud McGovern, North Park
Jerry McKinney Jr., 69th Street
Hector Medina, Archer
Gustavo Meza, Forest Glen
Kevin Mitchell, Jefferson Park
Juan Montes, North Park
Herman Montes de Oca, Ashland
Cecil Moore, 77th Street

Robert Neighbors, Jefferson Park
Diann Noone, Labor Relations

Michael Ollins, Kedzie
Dianna Owens, North Park

Thomas Palma, North Avenue
Veronica Parker, North Sect.
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Thomas Perez, Archer

Santos Perez, Howard/Kimball
Flenard Porter, 69th Street
Gwendolyn Preston, West Sect.

Moises Rajczyk, North Park
Ivan Ramos, Doug/Congress
Carl Rhoden Jr., Howard/Kimball
Willie Richard, Beverly
Edward Ross Jr., Kedzie

Donald Seay, 77th Street
Rosalind Smith, Howard/Kimball
Allen Smith III, 77th Street
Walter Smith III, North Park
Eddie Sneed, 77th Street
James Starkman, North Park
Robert Styburski, North Park
Robert Surita, 77th Street

Brian Thomas, Archer
Lee Thompson, North Park
Reginald Tolbert, North Park

Richard Umbra, Limits

Andy Vargas, Forest Glen
Gladys Vera, North Avenue
Frank Vonschelder, North Park

Elvis Wade, Forest Glen
James Walker, Archer
Frances Walker, North Park
Ronald Ware, Ashland
Myron Webb, Limits
Elgin Wells, 77th Street
Fredrick White, Limits
Arthur Wike, North Avenue
Raymond Wiley, 77th Street
Louis Williams, District A
Ernest Williams, Archer
Alma Williams, North Park

Jacques, Yezeguielian, Forest Glen
Fred Young, North Park

John Cannon plans travel, enjoy family

Plans for leisure travel, and enjoying his family are Accounting Operations Director **John Cannon's** immediate plans for retirement after 45 years of service to CTA and its predecessor.

Cannon came to work for the Chicago Rapid Transit Company on March 14, 1941 as a mail clerk. His immigrant father, Martin John Cannon, of County Mayo, Ireland, joined the Rapid Transit Company as a train-

man in 1918, and worked until his death in 1930.

In 1943, John Cannon was called to service with the U.S. Army. His military duties took him to France, England, and Germany. After the war he returned to the CTA and began evening classes at Loyola University where he majored in accounting, and earned a baccalaureate degree in business administration.

His CTA career has included assignments in the Payroll and Accounting departments as well as Internal Auditing. He has served as assis-

TN Correction

On page 8 of our March-April issue we reported that John Cannon had graduated from Loyola University with a **minor** in accounting. Mr. Cannon graduated with a **major** in accounting.

tant general accountant, superintendent, Accounting Operations, and was named director just prior to his retirement on May 1. Cannon was also active with a special project which was conducted from 1958 to 1960 to set up a new accounting system dubbed "Responsibility Reporting."



CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli (back row/right), and Board Member Howard Medley (back/left) join the Cannon family in celebrating the retirement of Accounting Operations Director John Cannon at a board room reception. Included are (from left) Mrs. Mary McDonnell Cannon, wife of the honoree; granddaughters, 6-year old Deirdre, and 4-year old Bridget Cannon; daughter Colleen, a CTA personnel research analyst, and son,

Jack, a CTA position control system coordinator. Jack holds his 2-year old daughter, Kathleen (Katie). At right is his wife, Mrs. Patricia Cannon. (Inset) Martin John Cannon, John Cannon's father, set the Cannon family on the transportation career path when he joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Company as a trainman in 1918.

Retirements

Millie L. Beatty, 95th St., 29 yrs.
John E. Cannon, Finance, 45 yrs.
Tarleton E. Curry Jr., So. Shops, 25 yrs.
Charles Gage, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Verna J. Hartney, 95th St., 41 yrs.
Frank J. Klekovich, 63rd/Ashland, 25 yrs.
Joseph J. Kovatz, 69th St., 38 yrs.
Donald M. Kuratnik, Archer, 31 yrs.
Salvatore Leone, West Shops, 15 yrs.
Zane S. McBay, 77th St., 30 yrs.
James B. McDonald, Dist. B, 25 yrs.
Graten D. McFadyen, North Ave., 27 yrs.

Sylvester McFerren, Archer, 23 yrs.
Willard Moses, Archer, 33 yrs.
Charles Nevels Jr., 61st St., 29 yrs.
Patricia E. Newell, Law, 29 yrs.
Anna Olsansky, Engr. & Maint., 8 yrs.
Gary A. Olsen, Skokie Shop, 35 yrs.
Theodore Peters, Dist. A, 21 yrs.
Lucius H. Priestner Jr., 69th St., 32 yrs.
Theaury Snyder, Howard, 30 yrs.
Theodore C. Sutkowski, South Shops, 38 yrs.
Alfred Williams, 63rd/Ashland, 23 yrs.
Gerald Wilson, Finance, 25 yrs.

disability retirements

Clementine Brown, West Sect., 16 yrs.
Herbert R. Hodge, Archer, 28 yrs.

May

CPR, first aid training for Stores personnel

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, CPR as it is generally known, is a technique we hope would never be needed, but in an emergency it is a good skill to have.

Because we are at work more than any place else, we are more likely to encounter a CPR or first aid emergency at work than we are at any other time in our daily schedules. Thus, providing CPR and first aid training for Stores employees seemed appropriate for Materials Management's director of Material Control/Stores, **William C. Roman**.

Volunteers have participated in two CPR and first aid training classes conducted by the Mid-America Chapter of the American Red Cross. CTA graduates of the second eight hour course conducted recently are **David Bremer, Vinko Djonlich, Leon Harris, Al Sprengel, James Schmitt, Willie Turner, and Lee Walker**. A previous program alumnus, **Gerald Poces**, a warehouse worker II, is certified by the American Red Cross as an instructor in both first aid and CPR.

Larry Tischer, Stores safety coordinator, said making the training available to CTA's Stores personnel is in keeping with the Stores management team's on-going policy of promoting safety and the prevention of on-the-job accidents.

Trainees receive instruction in the techniques of artificial respiration, controlling severe bleeding, handling sudden illness, burns, broken bones, choking, and rescue and transfer, as well as cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Classes are taught at the American Red Cross, 43 East Ohio Street, and are available on Saturday as well as during the week. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Red Cross at 440-2050.



Proud of their first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training certificates after successful American Red Cross training are (from left) Lee Walker, Willie Turner, Vinko Djonlich, Leon Harris,

James Schmitt, and Al Sprengel. Safety coordinators with the class are (far left) Joe Pecoraro, unit supervisor, and (far right) unit supervisor Larry Tischer.



Golfing and fishing

James Stewart (right), director, Equipment Engineering, accepts a memento of his 39 years of CTA service from **Tom Wolgemuth** during a retirement banquet

in Stewart's honor. An avid golfer and fisherman, Stewart is leisurely traveling the country in pursuit of golfing and fishing pleasure, and enjoying the scenery.

Retirements

June

Leonard Beatty, Fac. Engr./Maint., 34 yrs.
Robert L. Brown, 61st St., 33 yrs.
Ricardo Cespedes, Congress, 10 yrs.
Chester M. Ciciura, 69th St., 33 yrs.
Henry C. Frezell, Kedzie, 25 yrs.
Willard J. Friebe, North Park, 40 yrs.
Mary K. Garrett, South Shops, 14 yrs.
Ernest E. Guedel Jr., Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
Rodifer J. Heffernan, Finance, 31 yrs.
George L. Howard, West Shops, 32 yrs.
Elmer C. Johnson, Kimball, 40 yrs.

Sam Johnson, North Ave., 30 yrs.
George S. Kacmarek, West Shops, 36 yrs.
James P. Kelly, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Harry O. Lindberg, Kedzie, 38 yrs.
Henry Madden, North Park, 25 yrs.
Patrick J. McStay, Chief. Acim. Office, 38 yrs.
Lester R. Rage, Forest Glen, 45 yrs.
John A. Schwartz, Kimball, 39 yrs.
Herbert E. Slovick, Howard Shop, 16 yrs.
John E. Smith, Madison/Wabash, 29 yrs.

disability retirements

Linda Bellamy, 69th St., 10 yrs.
William F. Boehm, Forest Glen, 10 yrs.
Richard V. Gooden, North Ave., 18 yrs.
Stephen D. Strophe, West Shops, 20 yrs.
Reuben C. Thomas, Kedzie, 24 yrs.

Class of June Commencement in CTA's Congratulate



RAYLON K. ADAMS
Proviso West H.S.
Ulyesses C. Adams
Forest Park



ADDIE C. ALLEN
Cassopolis H.S.
C. L. Allen (Nick)
Beverly



**ANTHONY
ANTONUCCI**
Forest View H.S.
John Antonucci
Rosemont Shop



ARLITA R. BAILEY
Hyde Park Academy
Joseph J. Bailey
Racine Shop



**MARK WALTER
BAKER**
Notre Dame H.S.
Ronald J. Baker
Operations



**STEPHANE
MICHELLE BAKER**
St. Mary's College
Ronald J. Boker
Operations



EDWARD M. BARRY
Willowbrook H.S.
Edward T. Barry
North Avenue



**CAROL JEAN
BASSETT**
Proviso East H.S.
Fred L. Bassett
Kedzie



**GRETA ESTELLA
BASSETT**
University of Illinois
at Chicago
Fred L. Bassett
Kedzie



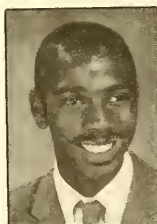
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BENNETT JR.**
Weber H.S.
Arthur L. Bennett
Training Center



SCOTT A. BLICHARZ
Norte Dame H.S.
John Blicharz
West Shops



TIMOTHY BOSLEY
Corliss H.S.
Tommie Bosley
77th Street



**GEORGE
BRANCH, JR.**
Hyde Park Academy
George Branch
69th Street



**NEDRA LYNN
BREWSTER**
Paul Roberson H.S.
Willie L. Brewster
Kedzie



MICHELLE BROWN
Academy of Our Lady
Joseph Brown
Kedzie



PETE BUCK
St. Laurence H.S.
Pete Buck
South Shops



SHELIA R. BUTLER
Northwestern
Business College
Steven K. Butler
61st Street Shops



**MICHAEL ROBERT
BYSTREK**
Taft H.S.
Robert Bystrek
West Shops



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University of Illinois
College of Medicine
Nicolaso Cambo
Forest Glen



**LAWANNA DENISE
CAMERON**
Hyde Park Academy
Roy Cameron
Control Center



BLANCE CAMPOS
Holy Family Academy
Reginaldo Campos
O'Hare Terminal



**CASSANDRA RENA
CARRUTHERS**
Whitney Young H.S.
Alvin Carruthers
South Shops



**CHARLES E.
CHAPMAN**
Proviso West H.S.
Charlie L. Chapman
Kedzie

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Fenger H.S.
Lee Cherry
Field Review



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North Avenue



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Mame East H.S.
James W. Colles
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Brenanto School
John Crespo
North Park



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Wardell Darden
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Daniel Figgers
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Kelvin Park H.S.
Angel Flores
North Park



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Currie L. Fowler
South Rail



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Crystal Lake Central
Emmet Gondor
Budget



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Archer



DENA L. GOSHA
Whitney Young H.S.
Raymond Gosha
Limits



JAMES GULTRY, JR.
Mendel Catholic H.S.
James Gultry, Sr.
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Ticket Agent



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University
Virdell Hackett
North Avenue



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Quigley South H.S.
Willie Hall III
Archer District B



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Lindbloom H.S.
Robert L. Hampton
77th Street



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Sheilo Watkins
Insurance



KIMBERLY HARRIS
Queen of Peace H.S.
John Harris
Archer



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University of Illinois
William T. Haworth
Equip. Eng. & Maint.



SCOTT R. HOLCOMB
University of Washington
John H. Holcomb
Facilities Eng. & Maint.



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Julian H.S.
Sessor Howard
Beverly



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Richard Hudson
Limits



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Cathedral H.S.
Tolmudo Ireland
Archer



CARLUS JACKSON
Corliss H.S.
Lena P. Jackson
Archer



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Beasley Academic Center
Joe A. Jones
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Bettye Jones
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Charles Lane
Des Plaines Shop



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Martha Jugin
South Shop Retirees



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Thornwood H.S.
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Fred Krawczyk
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Ruth LeBron
Internal Audit



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Charles H. Lee
Central District



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Rosie Lofton
Howard Street



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Chester L. Mazurkiewicz
Skokie Shops



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Kenneth C. Mettler, Jr.
Skokie Shops



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Bogan H.S.
Francis Micetich
Retiree



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Ridgewood H.S.
Patrick Mulcahey
Limits



KRISTIN S. NAGEL
New Trier H.S.
Nancy Nagel
Budget



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Carl Newsome
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Maurice E. Preacely
Archer



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Cune H.S.
Robert J. Prince
West Rail



RAQUEL QUALLS
Morgan Park H.S.
James Qualls
Materials Managements



JAMIE RAMEL
Mother Guerin H.S.
Betty Ramel
Management Services



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Manuel Ramirez
North Park



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Patricia Reed
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J. W. Rivers
Limits



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Loyola University
Residue Sanders
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Lulling Savage
West Shops



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Frank J. Schulget
West Section



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Mary H. Smith
Kimball



FRITA SMITH
John Harlan H.S.
L. Smith
West Section



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Mattie Solsberry
Beverly



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Marion Stubbs
North Park



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Valerie Coleman
69th Street



SABRE TYLER
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Virgil Tyler
69th Street



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Stephan Walker
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77th Street



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Edward Wallace
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Robert Williams
95th Terminal



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West Shop Retiree



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Muriel Womack
69th Street



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Kennedy-King College
Thomas Randall
69th Street



LISA ZABIELSKI
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at Chicago
Edward Zabielski
West Shops

Sons of two CTA employees named to service academies

Larry Pianto, Jr., son of Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto, Sr.**, and his wife **Joan**, has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

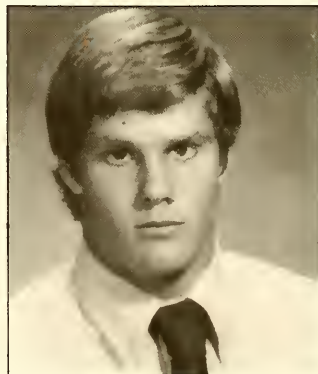
He is a 1986 graduate of Marist High School where he held a grade point average of 4.2, ranking 100th in a class of 454 students. Pianto was a member of the Marist football team. He will pursue a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering.

Appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. was **Martin Richard Willis**, son of Transit News Editor **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy**.

Willis is a 1986 graduate of Bremen Community High School in Midlothian where he held a grade point average of 4.78, ranking 17th in a class of 248 students. He was a member of Bremen's football and track teams as well as the marching

and jazz bands. He was also a mathlete and president of the computer club. Willis will pursue a baccalaureate degree in computer science.

Both candidates who report to their respective academies on July 1, were nominated by U.S. Representative **Marty Russo** of the Third Congressional District.



Larry Pianto Jr.



Martin Richard Willis



When Chicago State University held its 312th commencement on June 22, its proud graduates included Mrs. Beverly Catherine (left), CTA Financial Services, and her sister, Mrs. Sandra M. Freeman, a veterans counselor. Beverly who specialized in marketing, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration, while younger sister Sandra earned a master of science degree in corrections and criminal justice. Mrs. Freeman is a Chicago State University financial aid counselor where she coordinates the Illinois Veterans Scholarship programs. Mrs. Catherine, who has spent her entire CTA service of 13 years in the Accounts Payable section of Financial Services, soon joins the Internal Auditing section. Congratulations to the pair for continuing their education as they kept pace with jobs and families.



HEROES HONORED

Adalberto Vazquez (left) and Jesus Nunez (right) Skokie Shop assemblers, were congratulated by Mark Dundovich, superintendent, Rail Vehicles, for their Citizens Commendation Awards from the city of Evanston.

Evanston city officials honored the two Skokie Shop assemblers on June 5 for saving the life of an endangered motorist in a burning van in the suburb on February 18. Mayor Joan Barr and Police Chief William H. Logan

presented the awards before about 200 persons attending the event in the Washington Life Insurance Company headquarters.

Vazquez and Nunez had driven a co-worker home when they saw the burning van with an unconscious man behind the wheel. They got the man out of the vehicle and asked a cab driver nearby to summon help. Shortly afterwards the van burst into flames. Police and paramedics praised the men's quick action which became the basis for their awards.

National leaders salute centenarian Georgia Dixon



Janice (Jae) Rowell, superintendent, Financial Analysis, joined family and friends at the Memphis, Tenn. Sheraton Hotel on February 22, for the 100th birthday celebration of her grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Johnson Dixon, a former elementary school teacher, and school founder.

Mrs. Dixon, an active centenarian, received birthday greetings from President Ronald Reagan, former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, Memphis (Shelby County) Mayor William N. Norris, Jr., Atlanta Mayor

Andrew Young, mayors of other principal southern cities, and Chicago's Johnson Publishing Company president, John H. Johnson (*Ebony*, *Jet*). The observance adjourned to the Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church where Mrs. Dixon's son, the Rev. Brewer S. Dixon, was the speaker, and where Mrs. Dixon continues to teach Sunday School after 78 years.

Mrs. Dixon is the mother of 11 children, 22 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. In her early years she was a pioneer for education, and a missionary society founder in the State of Mississippi where she was also an organizer, speaker, and writer.

The nurturing side of her character still finds pleasure in cooking and gardening. She cultivates a backyard vegetable garden each year. In keeping with her belief that every woman, regardless of age, needs a glamorous side, she is a hat buff with a collection of chapeaus of all sizes, shapes, and colors.

Of her longevity, Mrs. Dixon says it is a blessing of God. "We are promised a long life through obedience, and I have tried with all my heart to be ob-

dient." For years a Shakespearean quote has been her guide, "Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we often might win by fearing to attempt."



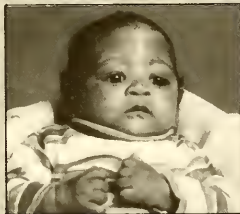
Mrs. Georgia Johnson Dixon holds two mementoes of her 100th birthday celebration, orchids which are each enclosed in a bottle suitable for display.

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

69th Street

69th Street garage took first place safety award in the maintenance department. No wonder Hank was smiling all over the place. Thanks for a job well done; and keep up the excellent job to keep 69th number one...It's vacation time again, and operator **Hubert Williams** left May 28 for Arkansas again. Must be something pretty nice to keep him going back...**Georgia Gayton** is on her way to Tennessee to visit her parents...Meet Joe-Joe, born 7-18-85 at the Little Company of Mary Hospital weighing only 4 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. **Joseph L. Christian V** will be having his first birthday, and



proud parents, father operator **Joseph A.L. Jr.** and mother **Clarissa Christian**, would like to share their happiness. Happy birthday, Joe-Joe...Heading to Nashville, Atlanta, then on to Florida are my good friends operator **Idell Richards**, and **Ernest Sweeney**. Going on a pre-nuptial holiday vacation (smile)...Continued happiness is in order for the newly weds operator **Carol Reed** and operator **Albert Graham** united in marriage October 30, 1985 in a civil ceremony. This year will mark their first anniversary...We care: That was felt as operator **Mellowneice Springfield** headed a collection, May 1, for operator **Corrie Morgan's** husband; also operator **Jimmy Hall** who

is very sick. That collection raised more than \$500. Thanks for your kindness...The best to operator



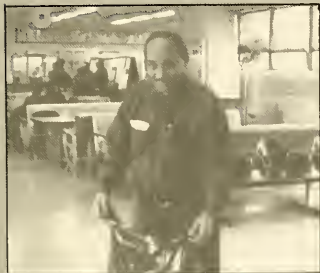
Gladys Norvell and her fiancé supervisor **Hueylon Steward** on their planned August 16 wedding. The newly married couple plan to leave the following day on a 7-day carnival fun ship cruise. Fun in the sun as Gladys says with a smile...Best wishes to the following operators selected to attend the bus surface supervisor training program: **Philip Gray**, **Thomas Patterson**, **Clois Harper**, **Patricia Percy**, **Joe Jones**, **Robert Reed**, **Paul Jones**, **Jay Thompson**, **Victor Moore**, and **DeLois West**. Everyone wishes you well, and if you don't do well, you'll have to answer to head instructor **Rudy Roach**...April 1 was no April Fool joke to Operator **Lawrence Lee** when he was taken off his bus and rushed to Little Company of Mary Hospital...We're all glad to see **Demetrel Parker** back after being off sick for more than a month...It's good to see **Doris Atwarter** back after being off for three months. She's as sparkling as ever...**Amy Young** says she's feeling better and glad to be back-now Amy?...Condolences to the following operators: **Lillie**

Parker, loss of her son; **Leonard Morris**, Board Member, loss of his brother; **Doris Walker**, loss of her daughter; **Alonzo Clayborn**, loss of his father; **Sandra Johnson**, loss of her husband; **Nonie Farmer**, loss of her father; **Etta Mae Jones**, loss of her sister-in-law and mother-in-law; **Rudy Roach**, head instructor, loss of his uncle; **Deborah Adams**, loss of her mother; **Joyce Jordan**, loss of her mother...**Thomas Randall**, 69th Street chief clerk, has reason to be proud of his daughter, **Carmen Randall Young**. **Carmen** graduated with honors from **Kennedy King College** where she earned an associate of arts degree. She made the national dean's list, is a member of **Phi Theta Kappa**, and received a teaching certificate. **Carmen** was also named an outstanding minority college student, and was a **Kennedy King Education Department** special delegate at a **New Orleans** conference. She will continue her education at **Roosevelt University**...Instructor **Tom Elerby** was host May 3, when his club, the **Society of Eagles**, held their second annual spring dance at the **Hilding Anderson Local #65 Auditorium** where **Tom** is vice president. Rest assured he made everyone feel like returning next year. Some of the noticables attending were head of instruction **Rudy Roach**, with his lovely wife **Susan**; chief clerk **Thomas Randall**, yours truly of course, and a host of co-workers. OK, **Tom**, VIP seating next year...Congratulations to the following co-workers eligible to compete in the 1986 bus rodeo: **Sullivan Crossley**, **Jose John Agrela**, **Kenneth Mixon**, **Kathy Gandy**, **Laurance Weathersby**, **Clifton J. Hubbard**, **Patricia Rice**, **Vernell Roberts**, **Thomas Patterson**, **Gloria D. Webb**, **Willie Summerville**, **Chellie Marie Booth**, **Rufus E. Meeks**, **Patricia Percy**, **James Gultry**, **Vera Tucker**, **Robert C. Clay**, **Joe A. Jones**, **James L. Bush**, **Doris J. Neal**, **James E. Mayes**, and **Phillip Gray**. **Andreas Flowers**, son of bus operator **Michelle Dixon** is graduating from **Joseph Warren Elementary School**. **Andreas** received a full scholarship to **Phillips Academy** in **Andover, Massachusetts**. He loves basketball, and wants to be an electrical engineer.

Ellie Head

North Park

S-o-o, 69th claims they have the King of the J's (janitors)? Obviously they are not aware that North Park has its own Emperor of the System, **Mr. Alan Lowery**. Alan presently has 25



years service with the company and originally started as a bus operator at North Avenue garage. He had 17 years behind the wheel...Attention: Team Captain **Jerome "Cookie" Towns** of the North Park Breezers softball team. We will publish a photo of your team AND its 1986 trophy just as soon as you repeat your 1985 championship performance. (Somehow the photo event of the year was omitted from last year's Inside News)...Get well wishes to Mary Wallace...Pensioners: your friend, **Eugene "Gene" Brudney**, currently working at the vault island as box puller, is retiring with 34 years service. Gene started with the Chicago Motor Coach, CTA's predecessor, at the old Wilcox garage (Madison-Crawford); then worked his way to North Avenue and Limits stations. When the Special Services section was formed Gene was one of the original 11 operators to work on the "Special" bus. Gene and his wife Josephine will spend their retirement years in Elmwood Park, Illinois...In case you were looking and have yet to see him, Instructor **W. J. Purnell** is currently working at 69th street garage...Anyone recognize any of our North Park drivers in the video tape replay of CTA's Striving For Excellence testimonial?...Instructor **Aaron Crockett** motors to New Jersey on vacation shortly and may apply some of those defensive driving skills as he nears all those glittering roulette tables in Atlantic City. Did we mention that his voice will be coming over the airwaves now that he is in the select group of people who work at the Control Center?...That gentleman

working the Devon-Clark post, Supervisor **Tom Fitzpatrick** adds another 365 days making it 23 years on the job...When do we see that photo of your granddaughter graduating from Kindergarten "Supe"?...Mr. Cheerful, **Ed "Grouch" Olender** the schedule man, and cohort **Casey** from the repair department mentioned that they're going a-fishing again at Lake Winnibigoshis, and hope to catch something in September (a cold maybe?). H-m-m, if the fish in that lake are as long as it's name, maybe you both could "ride" it back this way Ed, Hah!...Our sympathies and condolences go to fellow operator **Jose Abonce** whose son Jose Abonce Junior passed recently...Hey, Hey, Proud Father **Edward White**, Supervisor, "C" district at Polk-Clark speaking of his daughter Elizabeth's winning a second place showing in the science fair held at Robert A. Black lately. Come to think of it, Elizabeth's talents will come in handy if and when that century old heirloom pocket watch Ed owns ever needs some tinkering...**Maurice Hanna** (Sheridan) has completed 800 hours of auto mechanics, received his certificate of completion, and says he definitely would like a chance to be a bus mechanic...Former operator **Madelyn Martin** is now fifth grade teacher Madelyn Martin at one of our nearby elementary schools. Ms. Martin enjoyed a week-long stay in the company of her fellow teachers in Freeport, Bahamas a while ago and says it was G-r-e-a-t!...Did you know **Carmelo Morales**, now at Forest Glen, has a record album out on the shelves? He composed all of the lyrics...In case he looks familiar, it is one and the same, Instructor **George Zajac** now with our Instruction department. George was featured on a channel 2 segment on TV last year regarding CTA and hasn't signed for any Hollywood deals yet, then again...Talent, talent, **Charles Sauer**, Credit Union Board member, got a nice write up in his church's newsletter describing his being quite the accomplished organist and choir director at Loyal Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons...Assistant Superintendent **Sal Carbonelli**, young looking that he is, has reached a quarter of a century in the employment of CTA as of March 1986. But

wait! Sal's daughter, Kathy, will be celebrating her 19th birthday along with a host of her friends at the Holiday Inn soon, so maybe Dad will look his age when he sees the bill!!!...Box Puller **Ronald Hodges** and his wife Yvonne soon will be smelling those old magnolia blossoms when they drive to Tupelo, Mississippi for a visit with Ron's father...Next time you are sitting in your car wondering how or what to do because it won't start, look around the training room for Miss Goodwrench, **Alma Williams**. Seems this is one female who knows cars...**Mary Crenshaw**, now at Limits is still off from work because of an injury to her hand...Ripley's Believe it, **Leroy Kalata** now at Forest Glen picked a day run on Foster Avenue just so he could look at North Park garage which he says he misses so terribly.

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in May

40 Years

Elmer Johnson, Howard/Kimball
Joseph Steinbach, Bus Pers.-South

35 Years

Walter Campbell, 77th Street
Robert Hornel, Elec. Dist.
William Jones, Rail System
Gerald Mallory, Dist. A
James Mincey Jr., Dist. A
Frank Riley, Jr., 69th Street
Gabriel Schiazza, Dist. D
Gordon Woods, Kedzie

30 Years

Luther Gaston, Elec. Dist.
Sam Johnson, North Avenue
Michael Leavy, Howard/Kimball
Caesar Trent, Beverly

25 Years

Franklin Brison, Elec. Dist.
Raymond Burkhardt, Archer
Dominic DeMaria, South Rail
Thomas Donnelly, Bus Garages-South
Ervin Harmon, Ashland
Ronald Jareckas, South Shops
Karl Kassal, Archer
William Miedema, Bus Support Svcs.
Robert Mulinx, North Park
Derrell Norton, North Avenue
James O'Malley, Rail System
William Orr, Central Counting
Frank Papaleo, South Shops
Charles Perham, Admin Phone & Radio
Francis Payne, Linden
Charles Rimmel, Adm. Services
Edwin Sztot, Archer

Materials Management

Buyers and Procurement Engineers attended the 19th annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair held at the Conrad Hilton Tower. The fair has provided qualified minority suppliers with an equal opportunity to participate and compete in the open market place. Through our participation, CTA has been able to add a number of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Women's Business Enterprise suppliers. The Chicago Business Opportunity Fair creates a climate in which an interchange takes place between the buyer and the DBE/WBE supplier who can provide required goods and services, thereby stimulating continuing dialogue and working relationships. It enables purchasing to expand the number of potential sources and increases competition, which results in improved quality of goods and services...Con-

dolences to the families of **Joan Thomas**, principal contract clerk, whose father passed away, and **Bill Cantwell**, warehouse worker, whose father-in-law passed away...In spite of inclement weather, a good time was had by all who attended the CTA Mart Golfers Spring tournament at the Hickory Hills Country Club. We missed you **Ron Swindell**...Materials Management department is operating at full complement again. Back to work are **Lori Muhling**, **Ruth Ann Miles**, **Zaven Guediguian**, **Denise Robinson** and **Carol Griseto**. They all agree that as much as they like staying home, it's no fun when you're sick...**Rita Deakin**, Accounting, **Bernadette Kizior**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, and retiree **Kay Batina**, Schedules, drove to Epcot. Rita said, "The trip was great, but just too short"...We thank **Connie Brabec**, Materials Management, as well as all CTA workers who participated in the National Walk-A-Thon for March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation...**John Harrington**, Grant Accounting, is back to work after a brief illness and thanks everyone for their kind get well wishes...We were all saddened by the death of **Janet McClain**, executive secretary, Affirmative Action, who died after a brief illness. We extend our sympathy to her family...**Bernice Smith**, executive secretary, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, thanks everyone for remembering her while she was sick...Wedding bells are ringing for **Corrine Camasta** and **John Zon**, Skokie Shops, and **Wally Feulner**, Supervisor, Budget and Manpower Equipment, South Shops, and his bride Janice. Congratulations to all...**John Ferlito**, Skokie Shops and his wife Debbie added a new member to their family. Daughter Danielle was born April 12 at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Danielle has a three year old brother. Congratulations to the Ferlito's and the Fano's...**Mary Garrett**, timekeeping clerk, Engineering and Maintenance, South, was treated to a dinner by her co-workers. Congratulations, Mary, upon your retirement...Attention, Attention! The South Shops Annual Picnic will be held July 19 at Rubio Woods, 143rd and Central, Orland Park. All CTAs and their families are invited to participate in the fun and



CTA retirees **Walter J. Weber** (left), formerly of the South Shops Body Shop, and **Chester Bujnowski**, former unit overhaul foreman, Skokie Shop, share the good times during a Moose Lodge weekly meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Service anniversaries in June

40 Years

Michael Borchek, Forest Glen
Dino Fuggiti, Elec. Dist.
Ted Galus, Forest Glen
William Glassner, Esc. Mice.
Harry Hawke, South Shops
Richard Norton, Elec. Dist.
Edmund Wojcik, Howard/Kimball

35 Years

John Bright, Forest Park
Mitchell Faczek, South Shops
Dennis Gibson, Ashland
Dave Johnson, Rail System
Houston Washington, Ashland
Frank Zaborowski, North Park

30 Years

L. J. Hampton, Bus Pers.-South
Willie McGee, Bus Relief Area
Leonard Moore, 77th Street
Willie Webb, Rail System

25 Years

James Alexander, Dist. A
Sam Caccitolo, Forest Glen
William Davis, 77th Street
Arthur Filip, Jefferson Park
Milton Gaylord, Forest Glen
Daniel Hammond, Signal Phone & Radio
Arthur Janz, North Park
James Keegan, Gen'l Mice.
James Lewis, North Park
Louis Maestre, 69th Street
William Millar, South Shops
Leroy Moreland, Dist. D
Chester Olenski, North Park
Patrick O'Malley, Rail Pers.-South
Jerry Thomas, Ashland
Carl White Jr., Rail Pers.-South

games. Refreshments will be served...Condolences to the family of **Josephine O'Kray**, revenue accounting, whose father Carl Augitto passed away...Two month old **Brendon Daley** and his Mommy **Priscilla** (Facilities Engineering and Maintenance), visited their friends in the Mart. Brendon let us know he was glad to see us. Brendon's daddy **Mike**, works in Operations Planning...**Fred Petrino**, retired, Engineering, and his wife Rose are enjoying their retirement and want to be remembered to their CTA friends...**Ann Angst**, retired, Accounting, visited her friends in the Mart and made a special stop in Materials Management...Condolences to the families of two deceased Insurance department retirees, **Jim Burklow** and **Louie Troken**...**Edward A. Reilly**, retired Superintendent of Traffic Data, Schedules, passed away. Our condolences to his family and son Terry who works at South Shops...**Mitch Kitzman**, retired Resident Bus Inspector, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, visited the Mart recently...**Bob Vance**, retired Day Foreman at Limits Bus Garage, passed away. Condolences to his family...Did you know that **George J. Clark**, retired supt. of Shops and Equipment, has fully recovered from his hip replacement and is planning a trip to Mackinac Island this summer...Greetings from **Ralph Martz**, retired Supt. of Shops...**Lillian Polland**, wife of the late Director of Public Information **Harry Polland**, passed away in Sun

City, Arizona. Condolences to her family...**Rosemary Kenny**, Payroll, and her sister Kay spent two weeks in sunny Palm Springs, California. They enjoyed this trip more than ever...Congratulations to retirees totalling 209 years of service to CTA and its predecessor companies: **John Cannon**, Director, Accounting Operations; **Patrick McStay**, Police Liaison; **Patricia Newell**, Supervisor, Law File Administration, and **June Noren**, Batch Control Coordinator and **Rod Heffernan**, Supervisor, both of Revenue Accounting. Many friendships were renewed and good food and drink were consumed at their dinners and luncheons. The Committees did a terrific job. We wish all of our retirees many years of good health and happiness...77th Street Volleyball coach **Maurice Land**, called to tell me that he's very proud of this team and that they took second place in the South Division sections, CTA Volleyball league. By the way 95th street took first.

Arlene Zittman

Forest Glen

There is a baby boom in the Guedel family. **Pete** and **Laura Guedel** are the proud grandparents of Ryan Joseph, and Christine Marie. Ryan, born April 4, is the son of Jim and Sandy Guedel, while Christine, born April 9, is the daughter of Bill and Barbara Guedel. Both babies are happy and healthy, but will Pete change diapers again? Noooo. Pete took his retirement June 1 after 25 years service, and will live in Tucson, AZ. Good luck to Pete and Laura...Welcome back to foreman **Harry Gakal** who returns after long recovery from an accident...Best wishes and a speedy recovery to **Armando Aristodemo** who is off due to back problems...Again Forest Glen won the sixth Safety Award luncheon. Good food and nice prizes were the rewards. Let's keep Forest Glen Repairs number one in safety...Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Ed Hayes** in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Wulf...Good luck to **Bob Kaese**, **Sal Furlin**, and yours truly in the bus rodeo. Going for first. Send me your news about Forest Glen so we can get it in.

John W. Kochopolus

Skokie Shops

Congratulations to the following employees who participated in the sub-assembly and final assembly training program: **Jesse Rodriguez**, **Keith Gallman**, **Duane Blocker**, **Gerald Holst**, **Al Olsen**, **Scott Kurinec**, **Jan Borochin**, **Ray Pordomo**, **J. R. Pilgrom**, and **Dan Ward**...The recent outbreak of pigeons in Skokie has reached epidemic proportions. Recently, a fellow employee was bombed with droppings and had to be restrained from retaliating...A third generation of twins were born to Brian and Judy Faczek, son of **Mitch Faczek**. **Jan Broda**, paint shop foreman, finally became a grandfather of Shaun Michael. It's about time! He is also boasting that his Ford Bronco is seven years old and still keeps on ticking, with the original battery. Can anyone top that? Chevy lovers!...Joining the list of retirees are the following: **Mike Vezquez**, **Gary Olsen**, **George Michaud**, and **Thomas Kirby**. A retirement party will be held for Thomas Kirby on June 27th, at Ray Harrington's. Also it is his birthday that day...**Sam Bacira**, carpenter, for the first time in his 10 years of employment has turned down overtime, two days in a row. No excuse Sam?...Best wishes and speedy recovery to: **Tony Morales**, **Jose Maldonado**, **Marty Gorman** and **Jim Zazula**. Hurry back...**Bill Crocker** is a proud father of graduating son Brock from S.I.U. and daughter Cynthia from high school...Entering matrimonial bliss are: **Corinne Camasta**, **Dale Jones**, **Al Olsen**...The eleventh annual Skokie Shop Golf outing will be held on Sept. 13th at Nordic Hills Country Club. Go for the birdie...Congratulations, **Diego Droira** was sworn in as a U.S. citizen...The 1986 March of Dimes Walk America walkathon was held Sunday, April 27. Skokie Shop demonstrated its generosity and support of its walkers (**Anna Kelly** and **myself**) by donating \$718.00 to the March of Dimes. It was a wonderful event for a good cause, and I could not have thought of a more pleasant way to spend a Sunday. As a whole, CTA was represented by approximately 20 walkers from the Authority.

Greg Winski



On May 4, 1986, Dale Jones, a machinist at Skokie Shop, and Shelagh Dawe, an executive secretary for Associates Commercial Corporation, were married at the Wayside Chapel in Palos Heights. Their reception was held in the Garden Room at the Martinique in Evergreen Park. Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent their honeymoon on a Caribbean Cruise.

Management Information Systems

On March 27, M.I.S. held a bowling outing at Marina Towers. An excellent time was had by all. **Joe Gingras'** famous line was, "Move over a couple of boards!"...The CTA Spring Golf Outing was held on May 17 at Hickory Hills Golf Course. M.I.S. personnel cleaned up by taking: Longest Drive, **Dan O'Connor**, M.I.S. Administration, and Closest to the Pin, **Barry Howard**. The Fearsome, namely **Barry Howard**, **Bill Smith**, **Bruce Weeks** (all from M.I.S. Operations) and **Emil Rusinak** (retiree), tore up the course. The M.I.S. department would like to take this opportunity to thank **Chuck Cummins** and all who helped put together another great outing...**Larry Simpson**, project analyst, was elected treasurer of the Chicago Chapter, Association for Systems Management, on April 22. The association is a 9,000-member international society of systems information resource management professionals. The Chicago chapter has 60 members, who meet monthly for programs related to the systems profession. Larry has just completed a term as secretary of the Chicago chapter. Congratulations!

Patricia Glines



Todd Kivlehan, 15, a freshman at Notre Dame High School, and the son of Skokie Shops carpenter Bernie Kivlehan, was awarded the Eagle Scout badge, scouting's highest honor, in a recent court of honor ceremony. He is a member of Scout Troop 175, Thunder Valley District, Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Eagle Scout rank is achieved by approximately two percent of all boys in scouting, and represents accomplishments in scouting skills, leadership, service, strength of character, and an understanding of community and nation.

General Office

Distinguished military graduate Keith Alan Willis, son of Transit News Editor **Rick Willis** and his wife, Dorothy, received a regular commission in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant upon graduating from Northern Illinois University May 10 with a degree in sociology. He has been assigned to the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. for 19 weeks of training, and has further orders for Germany in November...DeLaSalle Institute alumnus (class of '86) Kenneth F. Evans continues to enjoy recognition for his academic performance. Kenneth, the son of South Rail Area Superintendent **Laampton R. Evans**, will discuss teen films on the half hour WBBM-TV show, "Different Drummers." Taping will be June 12 for a later air time. Merit Scholarship Finalist and trackman Kenneth took his high school diploma with a 4.8 GPA and the Honor Roll/Athletic Achievement award. Next stop, Notre Dame University and a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering...Mather High

Pom Pom squad captain Martha Cheatham who received her diploma this year, is bound for Northeastern College. Martha served on the Year Book committee, and was a member of the Ruetama Dancers. She is the daughter of **Hattie Peterson**, Treasury department...By the way!!! **Ms Peterson** was one of three ladies in her department to earn the accolades of Chicago Public Schools Mobility Training teacher Lois Buenger. Others being applauded were **Tracey Foster** and **Judy Stroud**. Ms Buenger wrote, "As mobility training teacher for three Chicago Public Schools, I take trainable mentally handicapped students to the RTA for Special Users passes. The trip is the beginning of the students' independence. The three women patiently explain the importance of the pass and how to protect it. I have also asked them to say an additional word or two about how to behave on the CTA buses. They are able to do this with kindness and caring. Ms Foster, Ms Peterson and Ms

IN MEMORIAM

Francis J. Bartel, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-17-42, Died 4-10-86
Raymond W. Blaa, 78, North Park, Emp. 10-3-40, Died 4-28-86
George D. Bell, 68, Rail Veh. Maint., Emp. 12-15-53, Died 3-21-86
Philander H. Bergsrud, 84, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-24-25, Died 2-19-86
Alvin S. Bloomquist, 78, North Park, Emp. 7-6-37, Died 3-2-86
Mildred C. Bonomo, 82, Purchasing, Emp. 9-1-43, Died 3-16-86
Matt Borek, 70, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-14-45, Died 4-9-86
John R. Carr, 82, District A, Emp. 12-21-33, Died 3-23-86
Frank O. Eckwall, 91, 77th Street, Emp. 3-13-23, Died 3-25-84
Adam J. Gablin, 80, Electrical, Emp. 6-4-34, Died 3-21-86
Barnaba E. Gagnon, 72, Stores, Emp. 9-8-53, Died 4-21-86
Elizabeth M. Hawkins, 80, North Sect., Emp. 1-31-45, Died 4-10-86
Albert H. Heinrich, 86, 69th St., Emp. 10-20-25, Died 4-1-86
Austin H. Hough, 87, O.S. Mailroom, Emp. 7-24-42, Died 3-10-86
Edward F. Huth, 74, North Park, Emp. 10-29-52, Died 4-17-86
Otto F. Janacek, 80, District B, Emp. 9-22-42, Died 3-17-86
George W. Jensen, 86, Police, Emp. 10-5-23, Died 3-15-86
John A. Johnson, 93, Devon, Emp. 3-8-16, Died 3-9-86

Albert J. Joza, 73, 69th St., Emp. 11-30-53, Died 4-17-86
Edward E. Kain, 89, West Section, Emp. 3-12-18, Died 3-10-86
Stanley P. Kalinowski, 64, North Avenue, Emp. 10-7-66, Died 3-9-86
Rudolph A. Kanneururf, 87, West Section, Emp. 2-13-43, Died 3-31-86
Philip J. Keil, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 6-4-26, Died 2-24-86
Marvin Kissel, 64, South Sect., Emp. 2-13-48, Died 12-13-85
Arthur H. Lask, 74, Kedzie, Emp. 7-25-42, Died 4-24-86
Albert S. Lietzo, 71, North Avenue, Emp. 4-7-42, Died 3-30-86
Frederick W. Limmel, 70, Operations Control, Emp. 8-16-44, Died 2-6-86
Earl J. Lynch, 89, Way & Struts., Emp. 10-13-25, Died 4-8-86
Mitchell Malek, 73, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-23-45, Died 3-28-86
Daniel McCauley, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 2-8-23, Died 3-19-86
Raymond W. McClintock, 75, Veh. Maint., Emp. 5-23-41, Died 4-22-86
Timothy McNamara, 91, 77th Street, Emp. 4-24-24, Died 3-19-86
John W. Miller, 72, Limits, Emp. 11-21-50, Died 4-4-86
Eddie Mitchell, 63, 77th St., Emp. 4-17-51, Died 4-16-86
Clifton E. Money, 82, North Section, Emp. 10-12-43, Died 3-14-86
Michael J. Murphy, 80, Engineering, Emp. 2-25-42, Died 4-9-86

John D. O'Donnell, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-11-42, Died 4-10-86
Michael V. O'Malley, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-7-44, Died 2-4-86
Mary M. Radcliffe, 91, North Sect., Emp. 5-10-44, Died 4-18-86
George W. Rateike, 82, Tech. Services, Emp. 12-21-36, Died 3-30-86
Milo J. Ritchey, 82, Beverly, Emp. 11-3-36, Died 4-9-86
McKinley Ross, 84, Transportation, Emp. 9-3-47, Died 3-7-86
Walter L. Sesko, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-9-26, Died 4-8-86
Andrew Smith, 76, North Sect., Emp. 6-13-67, Died 4-23-86
Delso Smith, 65, 69th Street, Emp. 12-27-51, Died 3-15-86
William T. Speer, 61, Limits, Emp. 5-7-48, Died 3-2-86
Elmer J. Stevens, 80, 61st St., Emp. 11-26-24, Died 4-27-86
John L. Strzelecki, 75, West Sect., Emp. 12-5-42, Died 4-25-86
Charles J. Sundblad, 76, Beverly, Emp. 8-22-41, Died 4-12-86
Anthony Sunzeri, 69, Maintenance, Emp. 9-29-41, Died 3-24-86
Louis C. Troken, 73, Human Resources, Emp. 1-11-49, Died 3-4-86
Robert V. Vance, 71, Veh. Maint., Emp. 7-20-40, Died 4-2-86
Louis W. Weissgerber, 71, Maint., Emp. 4-15-42, Died 4-12-86
Edward J. Weston, 66, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-11-50, Died 4-11-86



The Lovance Ashley family, now has a dentist among their professional siblings. Claims representative Ashley and wife, Jean, Chicago Board of Education, were justifiably proud of their youngest daughter, Dr. Maria M. Ashley, as she received the DDS degree June 8 during commencement exercises of the University of Illinois Circle Campus. Ms. Ashley is also an alumnus of DePaul University where earlier she earned a bachelor of science degree. Ashley, a 38-year CTA employee, says the drive is now complete. Daughters Karen Hilbering of Westerville, Ohio is a math consultant for Charles E. Merrill Publishers, and Jeannine Jones is a teacher at Carver Middle School, Chicago Board of Education, while only son Lovance II is a support representative for IBM.

Stroud are truly exceptional employees. My students continue to talk about them as self reminders. I am impressed with their efficiency in handling their applications and their sincere interest in the students."...Meanwhile, **Ms Stroud** is expressing appreciation to co-workers and friends for the support given her daughter, Jamie Johnson, in the Metcalfe Magnet School fund raiser. Jamie was awarded a cordless telephone for being the top sales person in a particular category. Her AM/FM radio was also awarded for topping all other students in sales...**ATTENTION RUNNERS:** The 1986 Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge will be held Thursday, August 7 beginning at 6:50 p.m. The 3.5 mile road race will get underway at Ninth and Michigan Avenue in Grant Park. This will also be the finish line. Anyone interested in forming a CTA running team should contact **Gina Trimarco**, in Capital Development, Ext. 4574. Gina wants to have her team organized by July 14. A \$5

entry fee per individual is required. The team will not be an official organization or CTA representation...**Harold Burda** stopped by a few days ago to remind everybody of the CTA Senior Citizen Picnic which is set for Saturday, August 2 at 27th and Desplaines Avenue, Grove 4. Everyone is welcome whether retired or still working. Burda who retired from CTA Property Accounting in 1975, has been an active part of the picnic committee for years, and a frequent visitor to the Mart.

Operations

Agent Controller **Corrine Dalmas** is the proud grandmother of Christopher Gregory Crenshaw, born March 19 in



Memphis, Tenn., weighing seven pounds, one ounce...Congratulations and good luck to James Musto and his bride, Kim Truppa who were married May 18, and honeymooned in California. The happy couple is residing in their northwest side apartment. The lucky groom is the brother of Operations Control Center executive secretary **Carol Musto**...The Operations Control Center staff commends rail controller **Mary Fryar** for the vital role she played March 13 in the apprehension and arrest of a suspected child molester. Ms. Fryar ordered the train held outside the station until the police arrived and made the arrest. Thanks for a job well done...**Lino Alcaraz**, superintendent, Bus Communications, and **Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Communications, vacationed together in Las Vegas. Although the weather was 90 degrees, Lino and Jerry brought back no suntans. It seems the casinos are not equipped with sunroofs.

Carol Musto

North Section

When Ms. Vanessa Gardner threw her wedding bouquet, April 19, North Side ticket agent, **Glenda Lyles**, caught it. Look out, **Louis Torres!!!!**...**Gus Klopner**, North Section janitor, won the Lottery two weeks in a row with the same number, for a total of over \$900.00 Gus is a very generous guy. He wants to share his good fortune with you. He says to tell you all that the winning number was 525. Several years ago, he won a trip to the Bahamas in a contest sponsored by a radio station. Although he offered the gift to both of his parents, only his mother accepted. Gus and his mom had a really memorable vacation. Shortly after they returned from their trip, Mrs. Klopner suffered a serious stroke. She is recovering, but still needs physical therapy. Gus is grateful that he was able to do something for her while she was still in good health...**Dan Villanueva**, **Neville Keller**, and **Everett Martin** have a different idea of a good time. They want danger, excitement, and adventure! For several years they have planned a special hunting trip. Now that all conditions are "go," they will set out on May 27, for a wild game preserve in the heart of darkest Ohio. Their quarry is wild boar, and their weapons will be 44 caliber handguns. At this moment, we can picture them stalking the beast, when suddenly, from the dense underbrush, a slaving, grunting boar with razor sharp tusks, and hate filled eyes, charges them. They are good shots. They will have to be. We personally prefer a luxury cruise. Any ticket agent can tell you that being charged by a bus load of passengers running to catch that train is scary enough.

Josephine Anderson

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GANNETT OUTDOOR

CTA, in the heart of Hollywood

This huge billboard advertising the Illinois Film Office is located in the heart of Hollywood's Sunset Strip and boasts Illinois, the Prairie State, as the best possible place to shoot movies. The new billboard is said to have a smarting effect on Hollywood movie moguls. The colorful sign features characteristic stuntmen engaged in a violent confrontation atop a careening 'L' train. The violence ends in typical movie fashion

with blazing gunshots, and a man falling into the Chicago River. A spokesman for the Illinois Film Office said competition for filmmaking in states besides California is heavy, and billboards such as this are everywhere. The Illinois Film Office simply chose to tout the State of Illinois on Hollywood's own turf in hopes of catching a lot of attention for the movie-making business in moviemaking land.

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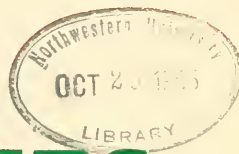
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cta Board elects new officers

NEW OFFICERS



Walter H. Clark

Walter H. Clark, former executive vice president for Citicorp Savings of Illinois who was recently appointed to a seven-year term on the CTA Board, has been elected CTA Board chairman.

He succeeds Michael A. Cardilli whose term expired August 31. Named vice chairman was veteran CTA Board Member John J. Hoellen. The board convened to elect its new officers on August 27.

Clark, 58, who was named to the board by Mayor Harold Washington on June 4 and approved by the Chicago City Council, said of his appointment at that time, "I want to be sure the business operates properly, because it affects CTA employees as well as the people we serve. I'd like to know that we run an efficient service at a reasonable cost."

He is an alumnus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he is also a charter member of the university's college of business and administration Alumni Hall of Fame.

The new chairman earned his master of business administration degree at DePaul University and completed Harvard University's Advance Management program. He and his wife, Juanita, reside in Hyde Park, and are the parents of a son and a daughter.

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John J. Hoellen

John J. Hoellen, 72, was first nominated to the CTA Board by Governor James Thompson, and approved by the Illinois Senate in November, 1979. The governor reappointed him to a new seven-year term in May, 1984.

Hoellen, former alderman of the 47th Ward from 1947 to 1975,

was a member of the City Council's committees on finance, traffic, and transportation.

He is an alumnus of Northwestern University where he earned his baccalaureate degree in public administration. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern University Law

school, and has been a member of the Illinois Bar since 1938.

The vice chairman is a practicing attorney, and resides in the Ravenswood community. He and his wife, Mary Jane, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

CTA employees present papers at U of C transit conference



CTA staff participating in the University of Chicago sponsored one-day Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research were (seated from left) **David Phillips**, superintendent, Service Planning; **Norman Hall**, system development coordinator; **Eric Marx**, elderly and handicapped transit

operations planner, and **Lynn Ritter Otte**, superintendent, Service Analysis and Research. Standing are (left) **Larry Anderson**, capital program analyst, and **Jon Roth**, superintendent, Special Service Operations Planning.

Seven CTA employees were among participants in the one-day Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research held June 19 and sponsored by the University of Chicago at the university's Swift Hall.

Presenting papers at the 10-session conference were **Jud Lawrie**, budget manager; **Jon Roth**, superintendent, Special Services, Operations Planning; **Lynn Ritter Otte**, superintendent, Service Analysis and Research; **David Phillips**, superintendent, Service Planning; **Eric Marx**, elderly and handicapped transit operations planner; **Norman Hall**, system development coordinator, and **Larry Anderson**, capital program analyst.

The conference keynote speaker was former CTA Executive Director **Bernard Ford**, president of Baker Engineering, Inc., who addressed the meeting on the subject of *The Effects of Federal Budget Cuts and the Resulting Environment for Service Provision*. Chicago Tribune Editorial Board member David Young was the luncheon speaker on *The Effects of Politics on Mass Transit*.

Papers presented to the conference by members of the CTA staff were: *Effects of Lower Gasoline Prices on Transit Revenues*, Jud Lawrie; *The CTA's Hybrid User-Side Subsidy Program*, Jon Roth and others; *CTA's 1986 Fare Increase*, Lynn Ritter Otte,

and *Equity and Transit Fare Structures*, Norman Hall. David Phillips was a member of the afternoon's Downtown Distribution Panel which also included representatives of the City of Chicago, and the Greater State Street Council.

The conference was organized by representatives of the Center for Urban Research and Policy Studies, University of Chicago, and staff members of CTA, PACE, Metra, the Regional Transportation Authority, the Chicago Area Transportation Study, and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Design engineer honored for superior public service



David Hillock (left), manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, congratulates SPSA winner Patrick Murphy as Chris Kalogeras, director, Architectural Design waits to extend best wishes to his nominee.

Patrick R. Murphy, senior wiring design engineer in the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department received a Superior Public Service Award in the outstanding professional employee category.

Murphy was one of 12 recipients at the 18th annual Superior Public Service Awards program held at the Palmer House. Among finalists who received certificates of recognition were **Virginia D. McGraw**, executive administrative assistant to Deputy Executive Director/Engineering and Maintenance George Millonas, and **Michael B. Vasquez**, recently retired superintendent, Rail Maintenance terminals, Skokie.

Murphy, a CTA employee for 12 years, was nominated for the Superior Public Service Award by Chris Kalogeras, director, Architectural Design. He was cited for his work in planning and designing of non-maintenance type electrical work at CTA facilities, which includes lighting, heating, power, equipment connections, and controls. His work involves making plans and specifications for use by bidders on CTA projects.

As executive administrative assistant to the deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, Virginia McGraw, an employee for 13



Michael B. Vasquez, and Virginia D. McGraw proudly display their certificates of recognition as finalists in the Superior Public Service Awards.

years, relieves the deputy executive director of considerable administrative detail. Her responsibilities include a wide variety of activities which surpass the normal range of clerical functions.

As superintendent of rail terminals, Michael Vasquez supervised and coordinated all rail maintenance activities for more than 230 employees in rail car repairs, servicing and motor cleaning work performed at all CTA rail terminals.

Vasquez was also responsible for coordinating terminal operations with other departments and monitoring the activities of the Rail Vehicle

Maintenance System. He was a CTA employee for 38 years before his retirement in February.

The Superior Public Service Awards program recognizes outstanding public employees in the executive, professional, supervisory, clerical, public safety, and general service categories.

Superior Public Service Awards are open to employees of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Metropolitan Sanitary District, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago City Colleges, Chicago Housing Authority, the Chicago Park District, and the Chicago Transit Authority.

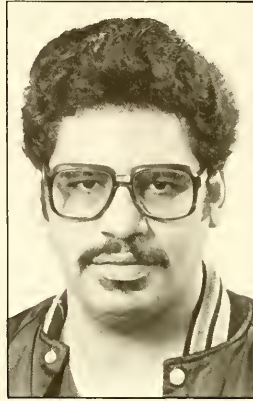
LeRoy Starr (North Park garage) was praised by **Cathy Drummond**, of Grace Street, who is a regular rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "This man is always neatly dressed, with his uniform in good condition. He is always courteous, and very nice to the elderly people, pulling into the curb at all stops for his passengers. Not long ago, I saw him explain to some visiting servicemen about what they could see or do here. He calls out the streets, and does not hurry passengers entering his bus just so he can pull out faster. He is also not a fast or jerky driver, and is very pleasant to those who ask about other buses or streets."



Cleven Wardlow Jr. (West Section) was appreciated by **Jack Trembczynski**, of Addison, a rider on his O'Hare-Douglas train. "Recently a friend of mine came in from Seattle with his family, and the kids wanted to ride the 'L' and take in a Cubs game. I thought we could do both in one day. After getting on the 'L' at O'Hare, I asked the conductor about the transfer downtown to Wrigley Field. Mr. Wardlow did everything but take me by the hand. He showed me where to get off and how to make the transfer. During this time, he also answered may more questions from other passengers, always with a smile."

Roger Hudson (77th Street garage) was called "one in a million" by **Helen Foote**, of East 79th Street, a frequent rider on his No. 3 King Drive bus. "He is the nicest man I've ever met. He always has a smile, and always says 'Good morning' to everyone who rides his bus. If you ask him a question, he takes time out to answer you. He will explain just how to get there so you will understand which way to go or what bus to get. It is a joy to ride with him. It really makes my day. Sometimes you have that woozy feeling, but once you get on his bus, he changes all that. His bus is one you would want to wait for."

Ricky Hogan (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express bus ridden by **Ernesto Espiritu**, of East Chestnut Street. "Not being familiar with this particular route, I had a few questions, which he promptly answered, always addressing me as 'sir'. This courteous and pleasant demeanor continued until I got off at the Water Tower, although I am sure it didn't end there. When someone didn't show enough of their pass, he would ask them politely to show it again, always thanking them afterwards. He also cautioned passengers to watch their step boarding or alighting. He does a fine job."



Augustin Lopez (West Section) "deserves special commendation," according to **Carol Kelm**, of Oak Park, who had seen a thief snatch another woman's purse on a Lake/Dan Ryan train at Laramie. "When conductor Lopez saw what was happening from the car ahead, he kept the train in the station and prevented the thief from going through the turnstile and escaping to the street. While waiting for the police to arrive, he calmed the victim and her husband. He asked me if I had been hurt, and was concerned about the cuts my husband sustained in his scuffle with the thief on the platform. We are very grateful for Mr. Lopez' help."

Mansur Kabir (South Section) "has a great deal of patience, along with a generous measure of kindness," according to **Brother Chris Lambert**, of St. Peter's Church in the Loop. "He was training a new conductor (on the Englewood-Howard route), a young man who was obviously experiencing all the anxieties of being new on the job. But nothing this young man could say or do upset him. He quietly and patiently urged his trainee through all the necessary procedures. When passengers needed information, he took the time to be sure each one understood his directions, then reminded them when their stop was approaching. He honored himself and CTA."

Cedric Johnson (Kedzie garage) was regarded by **Betty Cook**, of Flossmoor, as "one of the finest bus drivers I have encountered. His entire attitude was positive. He was very patient with a handicapped young woman who was trying to get to the (No. 20 Madison) bus before we pulled away. He assured her that he would indeed wait, and that she should take her time. I noticed also that he was equally patient with the elderly, or with those who may have had to fumble for change. It was also nice to have the stops called out, and in such a cheerful manner. All in all, riding his bus was a unique experience."

Tuesday Simpson (Limits garage) was complimented by **Helen Rossi**, of West Huron Street, who was a rider on her No. 36 Broadway bus. "She was the most courteous and kind person I have ever encountered. She was kind and helpful to me and the other elderly passengers. I have been a CTA passenger on thousands of trips, but this one I won't forget. I had to write to tell you about her. I took me a while because I was in the hospital. She was businesslike, and yet friendly and kind. Everyone was treated as if they were special. This young lady was something else. The other people on the bus agreed with me."

WIPING OUT GRAFFITI

Between June 22 and August 18, 111 juveniles and 22 adults were arrested for graffiti offenses, reports Sgt. Robert Angone of the Mass Transit Unit, Public Transportation Section, Chicago Police Department. Hours of undercover investigation by tactical officers produced information leading to the identity of graffiti offenders and enabled officers to arrest graffiti "taggers" after they had left the scene of the crime.

Of those arrested, 33% are repeat offenders and many are leaders of graffiti "tagging" groups. Through

cooperation with the Chicago Police Department Youth Division and the State's Attorney's Office, first time offenders were put to work in clean-up programs at CTA facilities and neighborhood locations, and 90% of the repeat offenders appeared in Juvenile Court to face charges of criminal damage to CTA property.

Anti-Graffiti publicity has increased public awareness of this million-dollar-a-year problem, and many concerned citizens, including parents, have provided valuable information.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

John Adamson Jr., Jefferson Park
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Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Thomas Brooks, Archer

Robert Cadiz, North Park
Jean Cage, North Park
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Deborah Castro, Kedzie
John Chandler, 77th Street
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Nilda Colorado, North Park
Robert Cook, North Park
Robert Cowan, North Avenue
James Craig, North Park
Albert Croarkin, 77th Street
William Cummings, Forest Glen
David Curley, North Rail District

Deneen Dalmas, West Section
Albert Dayan, North Park
Jose Diaz, Limits
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen
Melvin Dukes, North Avenue
Charles Dunker, North Park

Bruce Ellison, North Park
Sylvester Ermon, 77th Street
Pedro Exposito, Forest Glen

Nathan Fitzpatrick, North Park
Michael Flores, North Park
James Flowers, North Park

Daniel Galarza, North Park
David Gaston, North Park
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Anthony Harris, North Avenue
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Howard Jones, Archer
Farrell Jones, Forest Glen
Alfred Jordan, Archer

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John Kirsch, Howard/Kimball
William Knudsen, Forest Glen
Robert Kremer, North Park

Lee Lampley, 77th Street
Robert Lewis, North Avenue
Hipolito Liquigan, Forest Glen
Hector Lopez, North Avenue

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Lura Martin, North Avenue
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Joseph Maryland, Limits
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James Mayes, 69th Street
Charles McKissick, 77th Street
Diego Medina, North Avenue
Marceau Mitchell, 77th Street
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Carmelo Morales, Forest Glen
Thomas Morrison, North Park
Harold Morrison, North Park
Luster Morton, Control Center
Robert Moskovitz, North Park

George Neal, Kedzie
Walter Nowak, Douglas/Congress

Angel Ortiz, North Park

Fernando Padilla, North Avenue
Thomas Perez, Archer
Henry Person, North Avenue
Harry Purnell, 69th Street

Ibrahim Rahim, 77th Street

Leonardo Ramirez, Forest Glen
Jerry Reed, North Avenue
Armando Rengifo, North Park
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Leon Richmond, Kedzie
Jesus Rivera, North Park
Lucy Rivera, Limits
Freddie Robinson, 77th Street
Carlos Rodriguez, North Park
Gene Ross, 69th Street

Luis Santell, Forest Glen
Augustin Santiago, North Park
Michael Schleyer, Forest Glen
Keith Scott, Ashland/61st/95th
Cassandra Seay, North Avenue
Terry Sims, Forest Glen
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Annie Stuckey, 69th Street
Robert Styburski, North Park

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Robert Thomas, North Park
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Luis Valenzuela, North Park
Adolphe Vaughn, Beverly

Jesse Walker, 77th Street
Mary Wallace, North Park
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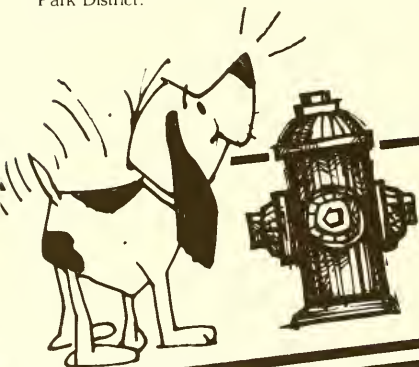
Marvin Zabel, North Park
Anthony Zenner, North Park

Few hobbies require more dedication than the art of novice obedience dog training, and there is no more dedicated practitioner of dog training than **Erv Harris**, graphic artist for CTA's Operations Division.

Harris, who has been employed by CTA for 24 years and has trained dogs for nearly 20 years, says a trained dog is a happy dog, a matter yet to be realized by many dog owners. However, it is certain that the owner of a trained dog is happier with the dog.

In fact, being able to control one's dog is the key to a good relationship between dog and owner. It is precisely this training that is provided for students in Harris' 14-week novice obedience course. The course is sponsored by the not-for-profit Rainbow Dog Training Club, a southside organization concerned with the care and training of dogs. Facilities for training are provided by the Chicago Park District.

*Canine obedience instructor **Erv Harris** demonstrates the method to stand a dog.*



Fulfillment

Harris, the principal instructor, credits CTA retiree **Glen Ross** of Athens, Ga. as his mentor. Other instructors are club president Ernest White, and trainer **Claude Brantley**, a CTA performance control specialist.

The Rainbow Dog Training Club operates by American Kennel Club rules. The 14-week course is not limited to show or pedigree dogs, but is open to dogs of all breeds, including mixed breeds. The course is geared to help dog owners wrest control of their homes. "Usually, when people come to us their dog is running the house," said Harris.

Training of a dog may begin when the dog is six months old. However,

Harris would also like to see a "kindergarten puppy training" program which would be beneficial to owners when they first acquire a dog. Such an innovative program would also make the novice obedience class easier to teach.

Harris' dog, Brandy, a beautiful, well-disciplined English Springer Spaniel, acts as a teacher's aide as he demonstrates on command the positions of heel, sit, stand, stay, and a variety of other orders which a pet should follow. Dog owners are also instructed in the proper disciplinary measures for controlling excessive barking, biting, chewing and other problems which pet owners frequently experience.



Teaching the dog to sit.



Dogs of every breed are included in classes of the Rainbow Dog Training Club as evident by this peekapoo.

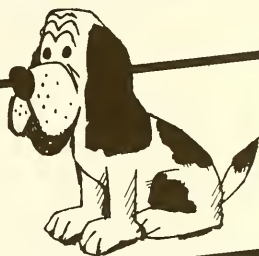


Teaching the dog to stay.



The importance of holding the leash properly is emphasized for control of the dog.

in a dog's world



Brandy, Harris' English Springer Spaniel, looks amazingly at the action around him as his master (with back to wall), and Claude Brantley instruct students on how to bring a dog to the heel position.

Harris said people are often hesitant to correct their dog because they fear hurting the animal. "They apply human attributes to the dog, which results in a spoiled dog."

Obedience techniques taught in the weekly class should be practiced at home daily. He urges dog owners to work with their pets three or four times daily, for five to 10 minutes each time. "A dog learns by repetition," Harris said.

"It is fairly simple to teach a dog, if you remember to get its attention and realize that a dog responds to such stimuli as food and praise. As encouragement, a dog should be praised immediately when it responds to a command properly.

"Most dogs are intelligent and capable of learning, although some are easier to train than others, primarily because of temperament. Each dog has its own personality and must be dealt with differently. The key is to find what works for your dog," Harris said.

To avoid getting a dog with a temperament that is incompatible with its owner, Harris urges prospective dog owners to study the particular breed being considered, and the background of the dog in question.

"People find themselves owning a troublesome dog because they merely accepted it from a neighbor, or took it because it was cute, or believe that owning such a dog is prestigious, particularly if its pure bred. Most people acquire dogs for dual purposes--companionship and protection. But, one's selection of a dog should be given very careful consideration for assurance of a harmonious relationship between the pet and its master."

Harris said dogs are pack animals, and the "alpha" or top dog in the pack will assume the leadership role. Just as a dog will assume the pack leadership, it will assume the leadership in the home if the owner permits it. Early training is necessary, therefore, so the dog learns its proper role from its owner.

Comprehensive office automation system planned



Plans call for each CTA department to have at least one word processing terminal such as this one being operated by executive secretary Therese McMath. Observing are Management Informa-

tion Systems department manager **Bernie Connolly** (left), and **Paul Olenski**, director.

CTA recently received a master plan for office systems technology from a national accounting and management consulting firm. After studying current and future computerization of CTA facilities in the Merchandise Mart, bus garages, and rail facilities, this firm concluded that substantial productivity benefits could be realized by implementing a comprehensive office automation system.

Touche Ross and Company, 111 East Wacker Drive, made the recent evaluation and presented their findings to **Bernard J. Connolly**, manager of the Management Information Systems department. Touche Ross said that CTA's goal of integrating word processing, electronic mail, electronic spreadsheet, electronic filing and mainframe computer access, via a department terminal, put it ahead of most transit

agencies and private companies of equal size in the country.

"Our goal, simply stated," Connolly explained, "is to provide a cost-effective system enabling CTA staff to perform the basic office functions and get all needed information at one terminal.

"We will also provide training and tools that will help employees understand their enhanced capabilities achieved through computer technology."

Bringing this new approach to office systems throughout the CTA is the MIS/Office Systems section headed by Director **Paul Olenski**. He has an extensive background in computer technology, including 14 years as a systems supervisor with the Union Pacific railroad and senior systems analyst with Sperry Computer Systems.

The Office Systems Section recently was shifted from the Budget department to the Management Information Systems department to give it a wider scope of operation.

Connolly explained that the Management Information Systems department staff are assigned on an approximately fifty-fifty basis to the CTA's main computers at 440 North Wells, just north of the Merchandise Mart, and to the development of new applications throughout CTA.

"Eventually," Olenski said, "each CTA department will have at least one workstation (terminal) for word processing, spreadsheet and electronic mail. Ideally, a document can be created or revised and mailed in-house or to our remote sites within minutes. We're aiming for an ease of communications, and we plan to have workstations in all departments by the late 1980's."



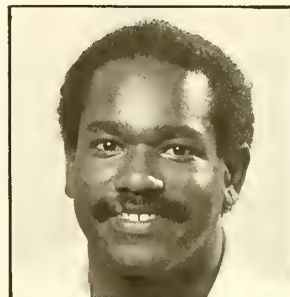
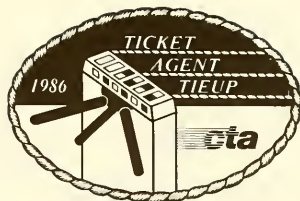
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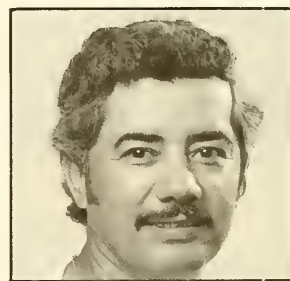
**Louis Hill
Douglas**



1st PLACE
Bryant Alexander
95th Street



2nd PLACE
Linda Woods
Howard Street



3rd PLACE
Antonio Narvaez
O'Hare



◀ **LEFT TO RIGHT**
Constance Rich – Ashland
Martin Vargas – Howard
Promita Krishan – Howard
Faye Ragsdale – Ashland

TOP NOTCH TEN

Taking top honors for a third consecutive year in the Ticket Agent Tieup competition was **Bryant Alexander** of 95th Street terminal. Alexander, who is in supervisor's training, will likely not be eligible to compete next year.

He will also receive an all-expense-paid trip for two to Toronto, as well as a trophy, and his terminal will receive the Chairman's Trophy for one year.

Taking second place honors in Top Notch Ten was **Linda Woods** of Howard terminal who will receive a trophy and a \$500 savings bond, while third place winner **Antonio Narvaez** of O'Hare terminal will receive a trophy and a \$200 savings bond.

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PLACE TEAM



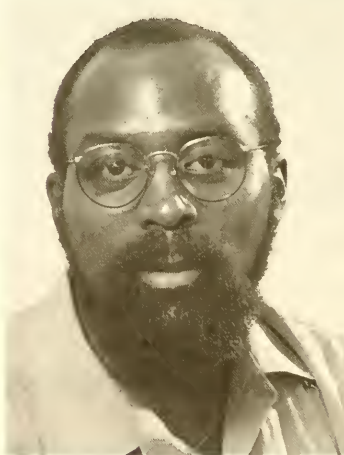
Robert Sanders - Kimball



Diane Howard - Ashland

2nd

PLACE TEAM



Robert McClure - 95th Street



Herbert Rainey - O'Hare



Jerry Wilson
Harlem



Richard Crane
Ashland



Deborah Hampton
Desplaines



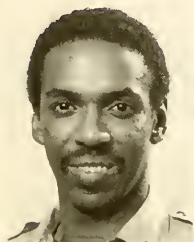
Willie Done
Kimball



Vegan Bolling
95th Street

ROUND HOUSE

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**Joel Larkins
O'Hare**



**Arlene Hudson
O'Hare**



**Donald Gray
Desplaines**



**Eugene Strzelecki
O'Hare**



**Roman Doubek
Douglas**



**James Colles
O'Hare**



**William Babilonia
Howard**



**Lawrence Washington
Desplaines**



**Kemper Russell
Harlem**

Motorman **Robert Sanders** of Kimball terminal, the 1982 winner of CTA's first rail competition, the Third Rail Roundup, has returned to take the top Third Rail competition prize again.

Sanders' teammate, conductor **Diane Howard** of Ashland terminal, became the first woman ever to take top honors in any of the operating competitions. Both Sanders and Ms Howard will each receive an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Toronto, Canada for five days and four nights, as well as individual trophies. Their respective terminals will also receive the Chairman's Trophy which will remain on display in the terminals for one year.

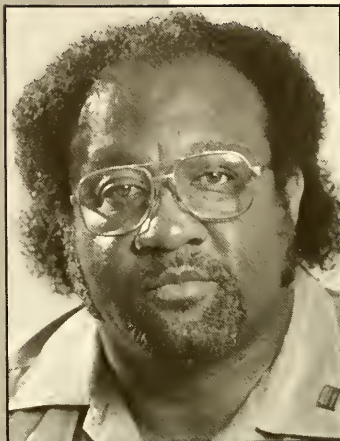
The second place team in the Third Rail Roundup competition, motorman **Herbert Rainey** of O'Hare terminal, and conductor **Robert McClure**, 95th street terminal, will each receive a trophy and a \$250 savings bond.





**Charles Murrell
Limits**

WINN



**3rd David James
North Avenue**



**1st Michael Matas
Forest Glen**



**2nd Joe Rodenski
Forest Glen**



**4th Rufus Meeks
69th Street**



**Luther Lewis
Beverly**



ur Preston
Street



Johnnie Gomilla
Archer



Michael Kusen
Forest Glen



Delbert Ashford
Beverly



Robert L. Harris
77th Street



Rusher Watson
North Avenue

ING CIRCLE 20

On July 12, as members of the Winning Circle 20 assembled at Soldier Field for the final event of the 1986 CTA Bus Rodeo, the clouds opened and it rained during competition as it had never done before. But, **Michael Matas** of Forest Glen garage was undaunted, and perhaps because of the rain, drove as he never did before.

Matas scored 689, only 11 points from perfect, to win the 1986 championship. It was the highest score ever recorded in the 40-foot bus category in the history of the Bus Rodeo, whether local or international.

Garage-mate **Joe Rodenski** who placed second in the annual event with 657 points said of the Matas performance, "If I had to be beaten, I'm glad

he beat me by more than just a few points. Mike drove a beautiful course; I know because I watched him do it." Rodenski, a veteran Rodeo participant, is in supervision training and will probably not participate in the Bus Rodeo after this year.

Other winners were **David James** of North Avenue garage, third place, and **Rufus Meeks** of 69th Street garage, fourth place. Both are also long-time Bus Rodeo participants.

Matas will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the American Public Transit Association (APTA) convention in Detroit in October where he will compete with other Rodeo winners from the United States and Canada in the APTA International Rodeo.



Ladell Jackson
North Avenue



Craig Richter
Forest Glen



Eth Fabian
Forest Glen



Laurance Weathersby
69th Street



William Spencer
77th Street



Cesar Lovera
Limits



Salvador Flores
North Avenue



William Edgerton
Limits

★ Food, ★ games, highlight

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Ann Crump (left), and Delores Crenshaw, sisters of Corrine Dalmus, appear to speculate on the jellybean count.



Volleyball is another activity designed to burn off a few calories after such a picnic feast as demonstrated by George Jackson.



The fun of it all as enjoyed by the Dalmus family.



Barbecue cooking contest judges (from left) Jerry Johnson, David Martin, Sarah Reaux, and Irene Volpi-Tate are getting down to the heart of the matter as they sample their way to six plates of ribs and a decision on top cook. Obviously they're oblivious to picnic committee chairmen Ollie Winston and Carmen Parker who stand concurring on activities of the day.

Food, games, contests and just plain good fun were the order of the day during the first picnic sponsored by employees of CTA's Operations Control Center on May 24 during the Memorial Day weekend.

Approximately 100 CTA employees, family members and special friends converged on the Dan Ryan Woods Forest Preserve at a site behind the CTA bus turnaround near 87th Street. Everybody had a great time, and, before the day was over, there was strong talk about doing it again next year.

At least six barbecue grills were going, with contestants in the barbecue cooking contest getting down to serious business. Observers said taste buds of judges **David Martin, Irene Volpi-Tate, Jerry Johnson,** and **Sarah Reaux,** all experienced barbecue tasters, had to be in a state of flux with such tantalizing "cue" flavors to sample.

Carmen Parker and **Ollie Winston,** who were responsible for coordinating activities, said each judge was required to sample six

★ contests

Operations

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plates of barbecue since there were six contestants. Finally, "it was all in the sauce," they say, as judges awarded the first prize, an Oster ice cream maker, to **McRayfield Caldwell**. Placing second was **Marcia (Cookie) Jacobs** whose prize was a portable AM-FM radio cassette player. **Shirley McClure**, third prize winner, received a seven piece beverage set.

Louis Crenshaw, brother of agent controller **Corrine Dalmus**, nearly had the exact number as he guessed 931 jellybeans in the jar of 941, which he received along with a cash prize.

Other activities included three-legged sack races, water balloon and egg toss contests, volleyball, and softball. Chairman of the games committee was **Joe Daquilante**.

Spinning records for the gala affair was **Perry Levon "The Jam Master" Wilson**, son of Supervisor **James Wilson, Sr.**, 95th Street. **Paul Spencer**, and **Je-taun** and **Wendy Short** kept the children busy with activities, and deserve a special thanks, reports **Carmen Parker**.



Shirley McClure collects a prize as second runnerup in the barbecue cooking contest from contest judge David Martin as friends, Willie White and James Wilson look on.



The potato sack race was a special event for shaking the food down and making room for more. Lining up for the event are (from left) Michael Sanchez, Marcia (Cookie) Jacobs, James Daugherty, Bill Daniels, and Leotha Patton. Game coordinator (striped shirt) is Paul Spencer.



Ollie Winston, a member of the picnic committee, checks the barbecue.



A bright smile on the face of 6-year old Colin Parker is what the day was all about ---a good time, happy people, and smiling faces for everybody. Colin is the son of Carmen Parker.



"Last Bus Stop"

Retiring bus operator **John Anderson**, 69th street, was honored by more than 350 family members, friends and co-workers at a Gala "Last Bus Stop" retirement party given by his wife Lorraine at St. Thaddeus Hall on February 15.

The invitation only affair also included dignitaries from Cook County Hospital, where Mrs. Johnson is Administrator of the Fantus Clinic.

Anderson was honored with testimonials from CTA chairman Michael A. Cardilli, Mayor Harold

Washington, Governor James Thompson, and Senator Alan Dixon, read by Helen Beane of Los Angeles.

Anderson is an Air Force veteran, and a member of District 7, Chicago Board of Education Task Force Drop Out Prevention Program, the Chicago Assembly and Lillydale Progressive Baptist Church.

After driving a bus for 30 years, Anderson may have to change his driving style, because his wife Lorraine presented him with a champagne gold Mercedes Benz.

45 years service

June Noren (left), CTA data entry coordinator who retired July 1, poses with members of her family following a retirement reception in her honor. She leaves CTA after 45 years of service. Present for the occasion were (from left) her nephew, and her brother, Glen and Don Noren, and sister-in-law, Dorothy Noren. Ms. Noren began her career as a clerk with the Chicago Surface Lines in September 1941.



RETIREMENTS JULY

Bill Bartlett, North Park, 19 yrs.
Michael J. Borchek, Forest Glen, 39 yrs.
William A. Davis, 77th St., 24 yrs.
George N. Dimitsas, 61st St., 25 yrs.
Louise Fernado, North Park, 22 yrs.
Steven G. Gorski, Forest Glen, 38 yrs.
John D. Jackson, North Sect., 13 yrs.
Lawrence Johnson, Madison & Wabash, 19 yrs.
C. C. Jones, Archer, 29 yrs.
Albert J. Karbach, West Shops, 12 yrs.

Thomas J. Kirby, Skokie Shops, 28 yrs.
Artis Martin Jr., Kedzie, 21 yrs.
A. D. Merrick, North Ave., 32 yrs.
John B. Mitchell, 61st St., 35 yrs.
June L. Noren, G.O., 44 yrs.
William P. O'Connell, South Shops, 28 yrs.
Sylvester Roebuck, Howard Shop, 18 yrs.
Bert Singer, Forest Glen, 10 yrs.
Roy Shores, 77th St., 28 yrs.
Joseph E. Wardzala, Skokie Shop, 14 yrs.

AUGUST

Donald O. Buegel, Douglas, 19 yrs.
Martin J. Del Conte, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
George Haralson, North Park, 16 yrs.
George W. Maloy, Limits, 17 yrs.
Steve W. Mason, Beverly, 12 yrs.
John I. Newman, South Shops, 40 yrs.
Edward I. Ojer, Archer "B", 23 yrs.
Edward C. Pietri, O'Hare, 10 yrs.
Robert J. Ross, 77th St., 28 yrs.
John M. Vidas, South Shops, 24 yrs.



Rodifer Heffernan, supervisor of Revenue Accounting, was honored at a luncheon in the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on his June 1 retirement after 31 years of CTA service. Heffernan and his family will maintain residence in their northside Chicago home. He is active with a Little League baseball organization, and is busy home remodeling.



Hanging up his broom

Leonard Beatty (left), supervisor of rail janitors, is accompanied by his wife Mildred as Deputy Executive Director/Engineering and Maintenance **George Millonas** congratulates him upon his retirement after 34 years of CTA service. A surprise party was held at the Madison and Wabash rail janitors office for Beatty who began his career in 1952 as a motorman. He received a generous cash gift as well as a broom which was signed by all of his

co-workers. Leonard Beatty was elected president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308 in 1970, and served in that capacity until 1976 when he entered the rail janitor service as a sub-unit supervisor. Later he was named unit supervisor, a position he held until 1979 when he was promoted to supervisor. Beatty and his wife plan to travel and enjoy a leisurely retirement.

The Maintenance Training Center recently graduated its first three students from a 30-day training program designed to provide personnel to assume responsibilities for rail shipping and production clerk vacancies. Coordinating the program were Ms. **Juanita Duff**, maintenance training specialist, **Robert Lemkow**, unit supervisor, Production Control, and **Richard Fabry**, supervisor, Production Supply Control, Skokie Shops. Ms. Duff (left), and **Richard Juvinall** (right), superintendent, Support Services, are shown with the three graduates who are proudly displaying their certificates. They are (from left) **David Weatherspoon**, **Chester Mazurkiewicz**, and **John Ferlito**.



"Day in CTA" honors for exceptional feats

Eight CTA operating personnel who provided assistance in various emergency situations, aided police in the apprehension of felony suspects, and saved revenue by confiscating phony monthly riding passes, have been honored by the Operations Division with "A Day in CTA."

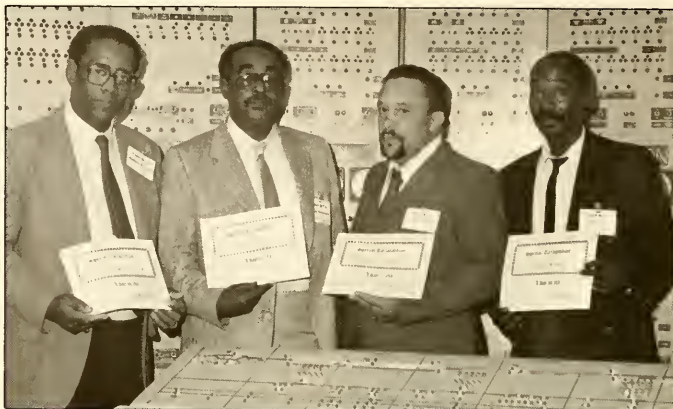
Honored were **Matthew Brownlee** and **Michael Moore**, bus supervisors, District "B"; **Cleotha Harris**, Kedzie garage; **Jesse Denman**, Forest Glen garage; **James Richardson**, 69th street garage; **Peggy Robinson**, Archer garage; **Augustin Lopez**, conductor, Harlem terminal, and ticket agent **Shirley Watson**, Kimball terminal.

Supervisor **Brownlee** was at the fueling lane near 38th and Rockwell avenue, Archer garage, when a motorist pulled in and said a woman was about to have a baby. After calling for assistance, Brownlee proceeded to comfort and reassure the mother-to-be until help from the Chicago Fire department arrived.

Brownlee had the assistance of Supervisor **Michael Moore**, and bus operator **Peggy Robinson** who were also honored for their efforts.

In a similar incident, **Cleotha Harris** was driving the Madison street route when a man with a small child suffered an apparent epileptic seizure. Harris gave aid to the stricken passenger and then turned his attention to the child until a Fire department ambulance arrived.

Special recognition was also given **Jesse Denman** for assisting a robbery victim who had been stabbed when he flagged Denman's bus at Milwaukee avenue shortly after 2 a.m. The alert operator got a description of the suspect from the victim and relayed it to police. An arrest was made shortly afterwards as a man attempted to present a bloody five dollar bill to a nearby ticket agent.



Displaying their Day in CTA certificates of recognition are (from left) **Matthew Brownlee**, **James Richardson**, **James Denman**, and **Cleotha Harris**.

Two other robbery suspects were apprehended by police, thanks to the alert response of 69th street operator **James Richardson**. Richardson was operating his bus along Halsted street when he observed a man walking upstairs towards the elevated station carrying a television set, and a second man standing on the sidewalk near a cleaning store with a radio. The bus operator's observation was reported to the control center and police were dispatched. Two men were taken into custody.

Conductor **Augustin Lopez** of Harlem terminal was also honored for apprehending two youths who

snatched a chain for a woman's neck and bolted from his West/South train as it came to a stop and the doors opened. Although one youth broke free, Lopez restrained the other until police arrived.

Ticket agent **Shirley Watson**, a member of the 1986 Top Notch Ten ticket agent's competition, was honored among "Day in CTA" recipients for saving the Authority money in lost revenue by confiscating counterfeit monthly riding passes. Ms. Watson's attention to duty and her ability to spot a phony pass resulted in the confiscation of eight to ten bogus passes per month.



Day in CTA honorees get a tour of the Operations Control center. Conducting the tour is (left) bus controller **Charlene McFadden**. The honorees are **Peggy Robinson**, **Shirley Watson**, **Augustin Lopez**, and **Michael Moore**.

INSIDE NEWS

North Section

Summertime...vacation time. We threw caution to the winds and drove all the way to Elkhart, Indiana, R.V. capital of the nation. A short distance from Elkhart, in a little town named Wakarusa, is the "Holiday Rambler" factory. We got there just in time for a tour of the plant. It was a nice mini-vacation, and we recommend it to all our flat wallet co-workers... Swinehunt!!! As you may recall from last month **Dan Villanueva**, rail superintendent, North, **Neville Keller**, superintendent, and **Everett Martin**, clerk, (both out of Forest Glen garage), had trekked to the heart of darkest Ohio, to hunt wild boar, with handguns. They arrived at the Hocking Valley Hunting Lodge on schedule, and were given accommodations at a bunk house. Rising early, they had a rugged breakfast, inspected and loaded their weapons, climbed up their ladders and waited for the awesome grunting of the deadly beast. Before noon, they had each been charged by a boar and bagged their game.

Josephine Anderson



Hunters and their game are (from left) **Everett Martin** and his 185 pound boar, **Neville Keller** and his 200 pound boar, and **Dan Villanueva** with his 210 pound boar.

Control Center

The Control Center staff congratulates Controller **Jackie** and **Annette Washington** on the birth of their son Jack, born May 31 at 8:10 a.m., and weighing six pounds, 15 ounces...Happy 26th wedding anniversary to Operations, Communication/Power Control manager **David Martin**, and his wife, **Evelyn**, a clerk typist at South Shops...And Happy 23rd anniversary to Assistant Superintendent, Power Control **Ollie Winston** and his wife, Erma. The Winstons are the proud parents of three children...Meanwhile Ollie who is vice president of the "Top Guys Social Club," is extending an invitation to CTA employees, families and friends to the club's annual dinner dance, and show which features the best in live entertainment. The occasion is planned for Saturday, October 4 at the Sheridan International O'Hare, 6810 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont. The attire is semi-formal (Gentlemen, jackets and ties please). Call **Ollie Winston** for detail on extension 4196...The Control Center staff surprised Bus Controller **Tessa Gaines** on June 6 with a baby shower. Tessa was awaiting the birth of her fourth child...Speaking of babies, Assistant Superintendent **Harry Horn** is the proud grandfather of an eight pound, 21-inch granddaughter named Teresa Aimee. She was born March 15. Her parents are Cipriano and Amy Albarran. Teresa's



Wally Olenick, South Shops retiree, and his wife **Laura**, observed their 50th wedding anniversary July 18 with their two daughters, three sons, 19 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and brothers and sisters. **Olenick** began his transit career in 1939 as a machinist for the Chicago Surface Lines and retired in 1974. The **Olenicks** moved to Florida last year.

father is a car cleaner at River Road...Agent Controller **Alice Wages** is proud of her son, Eric Fortune, who graduated from Chicago Vocational H.S. (see Graduate Photos) and plans to attend Daley College in the fall. Eric will major in architectural engineering...Best wishes and congratulations to the following controllers who were recently promoted: **George Hand**, controller II, to controller III; **Corrine Dalmás**, from agent supervisor/Transportation Service to agent controller/Operations Communication/Power Control, and **Bernard Williams** who was promoted from rail instructor II, to controller I...**Rae Geniece Robinson** (see Graduate Photos) was pleasantly surprised when she and her date, Byron Hopkins, arrived at the Holiday City Centre on the evening of June 13 for the Corliss High School Senior Prom. Miss Robinson had been voted Senior Prom Queen, and Hopkins was named a prince in the queen's court. Rae Robinson is the daughter of Assistant Superintendent, Power/Control **Derrick G. Robinson**, and his wife, **Marjorie**. The North Central College-bound (Naperville) Miss Robinson plans to major in biology. Not only was she a Corliss academic success (3.3 GPA), but a fine athlete as well.

Carol A. Musto

Class of '86

More June Grads



TRINA COLEMAN
Proviso West H.S.
Frank Coleman
North Avenue



ERIC FORTUNE
Chicago Vocational
H.S.
Alice Wages
Control Center



VINCENT MORALES
Romeoville H.S.
Ramiro Morales
Archer



VALERIE PORTER
Corliss H.S.
Jon Porter
Beverly



MARIA SAN MARTIN
Madonna H.S.
Victor San Martin
North Park



**CHRISTEEN
LYNETTE NICHOLS**
Harper H.S.
Levell Nichols
West Shops



**RAE GENIECE
ROBINSON**
Corliss H.S.
Derrick Robinson
Control Center

INSIDE NEWS

Archer Garage

Congratulations to Operator **Paul Fung** who was married in May...Mr. and Mrs. **Alford H. Taylor** attended daughter Parthenia's second musical recital which was held at the Conrad Hilton on June 15. Parthenia is a student at Mayfair Academy...Operator **Charles Nelson, Sr.** will play in a tennis tournament, and son Charles, Jr. will participate in a little league tournament...Operator **Ignacio Villar** will run in the October 27 Chicago Marathon...Please don't forget about our co-workers who are ill. A telephone call or a card would certainly be appreciated...Condolences to the following families: Collector **Arthur Bradford**, who passed away; Operator **George Barber** who lost his brother, Roy; Operator **Ethel Wilson** who lost her sister, Martha Mallett, and nephew, James Mallett; **Joseph Freeman** who lost his wife, Adele; District 'B' Supervisor **Adolphus Martin**, and Supervisor **Leonard Perry** who both passed away.

Ollie Hoskins

North Park

Limits Instructor **Charles Clark** will be installed as Commander of American Legion Post #915 this September. Instructor Clark has been a member of Post #915 the past eleven years and served in various capacities as Sgt.-At-Arms, Adjutant, Junior Vice-Commander and Senior Vice-Commander...**Victor San Martin's** daughter Maria graduates from Madonna High School (see Graduate photos)...Bet you didn't know that **Cookie Brown** is a volunteer at Thorak Hospital on her days off...Or, that the garage here at North Park has a do it your-selfer "C.B." enthusiast who rolls over the air waves with his own hand made \$7,000 set...Don't kick no sand dept...**Paul Meccia** is one of our new operators here at North Park and has been a body building enthusiast since 1981. Paul was one of 17 contestants at an Illinois State Championship body builders contest held in Hinsdale, Illinois, and came away with the 4th place award. And yes, that was Mr. Meccia working as an equipment technician at Columbus Hospital before he joined CTA...As you can see by the photo, nothing short of calamity will prevent



an operator from picking up that check on payday! **Ilda Waddell** sprained her foot at home but still was able to get to the station where we managed to snap this photo of her. Ilda also is soon to be a mother and have another set of little feet running alongside her son John and husband Robert... Welcome, welcome to our new #2 clerk, **Margaret Bernasko**. Ms. Bernasko is a former operator with service at the Beverly and 77th Street garages...Like daughter like father:



new operator **Yolanda Brown** can always ask her father for those winter survival tips this December. Dad is one of North Park's old timers. Most of us know Dad by the name "**L E**"... Superintendent **Kenny Czachowski** gave a nice impromptu hail and farewell greeting to another of our deserving gentlemen, retiring operator **Willard Friebe**, in the training room recently. Willard started his career w-a-y back in March, 1946 at the "Lincoln" depot which was around Lincoln and Wrightwood Avenues. Mr. Friebe also is the President of North Park's Credit Union and, for any of our other pensioners out there reading this, Willard and his wife Adelaide will reside here in Chicago in case you want to write him a line...H-m-m, another new operator, **Michelle Banks**, was formerly a licensed practical nurse (LPN) prior to joining CTA which just may come in handy for the hot weather this summer...Dusty's 'runnin' around with old LADIES!! It's

Service anniversaries in July

45 Years

Jeanette Ludmann, Investments

40 Years

Lois Jahnke, Revenue Accounting
John Schwartz, Howard/Kimball

35 Years

James Andriacchi, Distribution
Leroy Bush, Structure Mice.
John Dilworth, Administrative Svcs.
Walter Gibson Jr., Archer
Levi Gipson, 69th Street
John McGhee, Kedzie
Herbert McKnight, Beverly
Jammie Morris, Howard/Kimball
Edward Reaux, Control Center

30 Years

Jonas Bamett, Kedzie
Claude Conwell, 69th Street
Mary Donohoe, North Section
James Doss, 77th Street
Donald Grant, Archer
Rufus Meeks, 69th Street
W. Moore, North Avenue
Douglas Price, Kedzie
Robert Ross, Kedzie
Willie Satterfield, Kedzie
L. Simpson, Kedzie
Donald Willingham, Kedzie

25 Years

Thomas Boldt, Mgmt Info Sys Dev.
Richard Bryar, Motor Vehicle Design
Donald Buegel, Douglas/Congress
Walter Collins, Howard/Kimball
Issac Dean, Bus District C
Gerald Guth, Signal Design
Elonzo Hill, Operations Trans Mgr.
Frank Lercara, Forest Glen
Charles McClellan, Agents West
Carl Meyer, Control Center
David Moore, Ashland/61/95
Gerald Mroz, Internal Audit
James Rizzuto, Support Services Bus
Kay Smith, Medical
Paul Sundblad, Engine
John Vidas, Mechanical B
Edward Willis, Bus Instruction

the Truth! Our guy in the credit union **Cedric 'Dusty' Wright** says he participates in 5 marathon runs a year and his most recent was the "Grandma's Marathon" held in Duluth, Minnesota a few months ago. P-s-s-t, did you manage to pass any of them females Dusty?...Our soon to be published author, **Eric Kyles**, was one of the marchers in Chicago's Viet Nam Veterans Parade and can now salute himself every time he turns on his TV. Eric was interviewed by two of our local TV stations at the parade, and managed to use his VCR at home to preserve his moment of prime time TV fame...Supervisor **Roy Ripka** and wife Iris will be z-o-o-ming down the highway in that sharp van of theirs to see their daughter Ismena who lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Ismena is going to present Mr. and Mrs. Ripka with their first grandchild in January sometime, and son Stephen will be graduating from Taft High School soon so maybe we'll see some pictures?...North Park Players, our "other" base ball team is looking for new members according to team manager **Eli Whooper**. And if you're unable to find Eli, look for other team members **Kevin Grayer**, **Fred Ragsdale** or **Louis Vasquez**...Supervisor **David Benson** is spending two weeks with his brother in Georgia...Box puller **Seymour Hoffman** and his Mrs., Florence, plan on



moving to Orlando, Florida upon his retirement. Operator Hoffman started at the North Avenue garage, then moved over to the Wilcox depot, Limits and finally to North Park, with nearly 38½ years service to his credit. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have a son Louis who is a special assistant to the Attorney General in Minnesota...Supervisor **Allen Lichter's** daughter Marci will become a bride in St. Louis, Missouri, when she marries Mark Thal...North Park Breezers Softball teams standing as of June remain, --

UNDEFEATED!! Hang in there Cookie!...**Robert Williams** and **Rosemary Walker** were two of the operators from this garage seen at Limits lately in the Supervisor's class checking bus schedules on Clark Street under the direction of instructor **Joe Valtierra...Tom Morrison** and his Donna are on vacation and will drive to western Nebraska to see how the fishing is...in Nebraska Tom?...Your reporter spent some vacation time in Montego Bay, Jamaica and it's g-r-r-eat!...North Park's first family picnic was a big hit in more ways than one according to our operators. **Martin Johnson** was among the first to show up at 7:00 AM and start up his BBQ grill. The kids had awards given to them in their respective contests while their parents enjoyed plenty of carbonated and malt beverages along with plenty of food. It looks like we're going to have a 1987 North Park Family Picnic judging by this year's circus of events.

Mike Flores

Management Information Systems

Congratulations to proud parents, Carl W. Bowman and **Stephanie Miller-Bowman**, sr. systems programmer, on the birth of their first child, Jahmal William Joseph on April 23. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. As



you can see, he's a real cutie...Congratulations to **Antonio Pedraza, Jr.** computer operator, and Eneida Garcia who were married on July 5. They drove to Mackinac Island and Niagara Falls to spend their one-week honeymoon. He said the weather was great and hated to come back. By the way, Eneida is a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University in Criminal Justice...Our condolences to the family of **James Stuckey**, supervisor computer operations who passed away suddenly from a heart attack on June 10. His funeral was held on June 14. Nobody knew the computer like Jim did. He certainly will be missed...On

July 29 M.I.S. held a picnic at Niles Forest Preserve. Systems Development challenged Operations to a 16-inch softball game. Operations won the game in the bottom of the 7th inning - 5 to 4. It was a beautifully played game despite the 95-degree temperature. Operations had an outstanding turnout and there were many 'stars' of the game. **Russ Smith**, Tech Support, was awarded Most Valuable Player honors for driving in the winning run of the game. A special thanks to all who organized this event.

Patricia Glines

Harlem Shop

Harlem Shop has another proud father. **Thomas Warchol** and his wife Nancy are the proud parents of a little girl, Jillian Amanda who weighed



eight pounds, seven ounces and was 21½ inches long when she was born April 2...After doing such a superb job aligning the Lake Street line, **Al Cranford** has been given the same assignment at Rosemont Shop, a task which could only be accomplished by a talent such as Crawford's. Good luck Al, we miss you here at Harlem...**Joe Milke** and **Tom Warchol** celebrated 12 years with CTA in April...Employees at Harlem also got new T-shirts which read "Harlem CTA Shop" on the front, and "Last Stop" on the back. After all, Harlem is the last stop...Eighth grade graduation for Dawn Reno, daughter of serviceman **Dan Reno**. Dawn graduated from Elmwood School in Elmwood Park.

Mike McGuinness

Materials Management

Order control clerk **James Qualls**, and his wife Ernestine are the proud parents of a new seven-pound baby girl. Congratulations to the happy family...We extend our sympathy to the family of **Linda (Lundberg) Poetsch** whose father, the Honorable Judge John Grealis, passed away after an extended illness; to the family of **Jack O'Connor**, Director, Central Counting, whose father, retired Beverly superintendent **John J. O'Connor**, died; to the family of **William C. Platt**, retired director, Job Classification and to the family of **Harold Burda**, retired employee of Grant and Property Accounting...We are all glad to see **Rod Daugherty**, superintendent, Procurement Engineers, back to work after having surgery. Rod wants to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many cards, calls and visits he received...Jean and **Louis Colosimo**, retired carpenter, South Shops, recently entertained this reporter as well as retired Carpenter's

Service anniversaries in August

40 Years

John Hester, Bus Personnel North
Robert McCarthy, Data Proc. & Off. Admn.

30 Years

Louis Barron, North Avenue
Elmer Chatman, Beverly
Elmer Domer, Building Wiring
Robert Heinlein, Control Center
Arliss Jones, Technical Services
Marvin Kocar, Bus Instruction
Eva Marcin, Administrative Svcs.
James McDonald, Kedzie
Daniel McRedmond, Stores, North
Patricia Newell, Law File Admin.
Frank Ramirez, Jefferson Park
Anthony Ritrovato, Claims
James Roche, Customer Assistance
Eli Russell, 77th Street
William Sparks, 61st Maintenance
Ernest Thomatis, Bus District A
Herbert Williams, Bus Personnel South
Leroy Wilson Jr., 77th Street

35 Years

Thomas Cook, 69th Street
George Ferguson, 69th Street
Richard Grajek, Vehicle Wiring
Carl Sims, Signal, Phone & Radio

25 Years

Robert Buergermeir, Mechanical Maint.
John Church, North Park
Leon Gary, 69th Street
Ben Jefferies Jr., Bus Instruction
President Laura, Beverly
Joseph Lococo, Forest Glen Maint.
Robert Mischke, Mechanical B
Terrance Muellner, Bus Garage-South
William Oliver, Bus District A
Larwin Riles, Bus Instruction
Arthur Springer, Beverly
Joseph Vareika, Archer
Bernard Williams, Rail Instruction
Alex Wilson, Rail Personnel North
Lester Wright, 69th Street

Union, Local 1922, steward **Sam Trombino** and his new bride Suzanne, in from California, and Delores and **Al Kasmer**, Business Representative, Chicago District Council of Carpenters and Northeast Illinois. Many memories were rekindled...Grant and Property Accounting had their own "Battle of the Network Stars" when **Ed Chorak**, Grant Accounting and son of **Tom Chorak**, West Shops, beat the "pants off" **Ed Murray** of Property Accounting, when they played 18-holes of golf...Congratulations are in order on two accounts for **Matthew Rago**, inventory expeditor, Warehouse 42. First, Matthew was engaged recently and plans to be married in November, and he is resigning to practice law in Park Ridge and downtown Chicago.

Arlene Zittman

General Office

In 1925, six-year old **Martha Kolniak Bleers** sang and danced in the school play at Chicago's St. Peter and Paul Church. Sixty-one years, nine children, and 24 grandchildren later, Bleers is back on stage, appear-



Bowlers observe silver anniversary

The 77th Street Operator's Bowling League marked its silver anniversary on August 29 as the 1986-87 season got underway at Evergreen Towers Bowling Lanes.

Veteran league members **J. C. White**, superintendent, 69th Street garage, retired, and **William "Billy T" Thompson**, director, Personnel Development, Operations, encourage bowling enthusiasts to join the league.

"Right now we are seeing a second generation of bowlers---sons of CTA bowlers, on the scene," said Thompson. "We welcome all who are associated with CTA either as an employee, retiree, or family member," he added. The team meets at Evergreen Towers each Friday at 9:30 p.m. and extends a welcome to newcomers..

ing in the St. James Catholic Church production of "Hello Dolly." The cast also included two of her grandchildren, 13-year old Nancy, and 10-year old Cathy Bleers. Martha was a CTA westside ticket agent from 1964 until her disability retirement in 1977. Her family includes **Mrs. Lucie Mullen**, confidential office assistant in CTA Treasury, and son-in-law **Jim Mullen** of the Pension department. He is the son of CTA Attorney **Frank Mullen**. ...**Norman K. Hall** and **Steven Roelofs** both received master of science degrees from Northwestern University on June 14. Hall (Strategic Planning) received a degree in Transportation after completing his thesis on *Developing Strategic Pricing Options for Transit*, and Roelofs (Operations Planning) received a degree in Civil Engineering following completion of a thesis on *Rapid Rail Technology: A Comparison of Conventional and Modern Systems*. Hispanic employees have formed a National Hispanic Transit Organization (NHTO). "The group was formed to address the issues of Hispanics at CTA and other city agencies," said **Omar**



Former Mayor Jane Byrne visited with the McStay family at Police Liaison Representative Patrick McStay's retirement party. Shown are (from left) daughter Maureen McStay, Mrs. Jean McStay, Jane Byrne, Patrick McStay, and son Brian.

Colon, NHTO acting president. NHTO is striving for parity in management and other CTA decision making positions, as well as educational and career training programs. NHTO welcomes all CTA Hispanic employees and retirees as well as other professionals and businessmen. Inquiries should be directed to the NHTO secretary, **Ana Maria Del Rivero**, at 348-3343 (Merchandise Mart, Ext 3583)...**Cary Morgen**, a new planner in the Operations Plann-

ing department, is a 1986 graduate of Loyola University and was recently honored by the Loyola management department faculty as its outstanding senior. He also received the Alpha Kappa Psi award for having the highest cumulative grade point average among graduating seniors in the School of Business Administration. He has aspirations for further education and is presently weighing a decision between Graduate school and Law.

IN MEMORIAM

Peter Anargyros, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-6-22, Died 5-4-86

Robert Z. Bagby, 64, North Avenue, Emp. 2-27-22, Died 5-28-86

Bernard J. Berutti, 71, West Section, Emp. 7-22-46, Died 6-1-86

Michele Bosco, 86, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 6-6-41, Died 6-30-86

Wallace R. Bradley, 79, North Park, Emp. 10-26-28, Died 4-30-86

Raymond C. Brooks, 84, G.O., Emp. 9-14-26, Died 5-11-86

James A. Budford, 42, G.O., Emp. 10-5-64, Died 5-20-86

James H. Burklow, 64, G.O., Emp. 5-15-46, Died 5-19-86

Robert M. Butler, 72, South Section, Emp. 8-14-46, Died 5-11-86

Martin Byrne, 97, Shops & Equip., Emp. 1-31-45, Died 6-4-86

Mitchell F. Bystrek, 71, North Avenue, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 6-20-86

Patrick J. Conlon, 88, Stores, Emp. 2-19-23, Died 5-11-86

Martin Conneely, 67, Rail Maintenance, Emp. 6-12-51, Died 6-2-86

Charles Dansby, 75, Vehicle Maintenance, Emp. 9-4-47, Died 5-15-86

Joseph R. Davidson, 76, 69th Street, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 5-15-86

Miles H. DeWitt, 75, Limits, Emp. 10-16-35, Died 11-27-85

Helen M. Doherty, 56, South Shops, Emp. 6-9-47, Died 3-12-86

John M. Donoghue, 86, North Section, Emp. 5-15-42, Died 5-13-86

Peter Doot, 89, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-8-36, Died 4-27-86

Joseph Dowd, 62, Vehicle Maintenance, Emp. 1-19-51, Died 7-11-86

Patrick J. Drury, 91, District "D", Emp. 1-22-23, Died 5-10-86

Edith M. Edbrooke, 86, Loop, Emp. 6-8-25, Died 4-1-86

Raphael J. Edwards, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 10-4-51, Died 6-3-86

Paul R. Ehmke, 80, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-5-47, Died 4-1-86

Helen T. Guth, 73, West Section, Emp. 3-30-63, Died 6-5-86

George C. Haak, 57, Keeler, Emp. 11-28-41, Died 5-6-86

Harold Hansen, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 4-8-24, Died 4-8-86

Clyde C. Hathaway, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 8-17-36, Died 6-20-86

Earl E. Jackson, 63, 77th Street, Emp. 11-31-51, Died 5-6-86

Joseph A. Jankauskis, 76, Vehicle Maint., Emp. 3-11-27, Died 5-17-86

Eddy Kaczmarek, 86, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 9-21-45, Died 5-8-86

John S. Kinder, 75, Vehicle Maintenance, Emp. 8-15-59, Died 5-30-86

Harry J. Kucharski, 71, Maintenance, Emp. 1-28-46, Died 6-28-86

Harold E. Kuehl, 81, West Section, Emp. 2-17-43, Died 5-9-86

Roland W. Lawshe, 82, West Section, Emp. 11-9-47, Died 5-26-86

John Lenihan, 100, 77th Street, Emp. 1-8-30, Died 5-15-86

Mel J. McDonnell, 71, North Park, Emp. 10-9-47, Died 6-14-86

Gustaf E. Melander, 75, 69th Street, Emp. 12-5-40, Died 5-2-86

Fred Morgan, 68, Madison & Wabash, Emp. 11-6-69, Died 6-6-86

Arthur M. Mulvaney, 71, North Section, Emp. 10-23-41, Died 5-27-86

John M. Noren, 70, North Section, Emp. 7-7-36, Died 5-20-86

John J. O'Connor, 81, Beverly, Emp. 6-16-25, Died 5-26-86

John J. O'Shaughnessy, 75, District "A", Emp. 4-22-37, Died 5-23-85

Lawrence D. Page, 64, 69th Street, Emp. 2-5-53, Died 6-3-86

James H. Parry, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 7-1-42, Died 6-16-86

Axel Peterson, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 6-5-41, Died 5-11-86

William C. Platt Sr., 65, G.O., Emp. 8-25-39, Died 6-17-86

Astrid Platto, 93, G.O., Emp. 1-6-38, Died 5-11-86

Walter J. Pondel, 69, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-27-45, Died 6-21-86

Edward A. Reilly, 72, Schedule Section, Emp. 9-13-32, Died 5-3-86

Alois F. Rykaczewski, 68, West Section, Emp. 8-3-53, Died 5-3-86

Tilman Shaw, 59, Lawndale, Emp. 9-24-53, Died 1-8-86

Oswald E. Stampley, 69, 69th Street, Emp. 8-14-58, Died 5-14-86

Ernest C. Tocci, 91, 69th Street, Emp. 10-4-26, Died 5-20-86

Henry B. Tschantz, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 5-24-43, Died 6-20-86

Frank M. Tursich, 65, West Shops, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 6-20-86

Oliver S. Wikrent, 79, North Avenue, Emp. 4-29-43, Died 6-5-86

Frank A. Wimmer, 92, Logan, Emp. 4-29-12, Died 6-30-86

Thank you, CTA!

Dear CTA:

Congratulations! In your first year participating in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica the Chicago Transit Authority has shown overwhelming support in our fight to prevent birth defects.

As a team, the CTA raised \$9,932.69 with a total of 44 walkers. Thus making you the winners of the city challenge against the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Chicago Park District and the Fire Department.

We are also grateful for the Chicago Transit Authority's representation on our WalkAmerica Committee. The shuttle service the CTA provided was appreciated by many weary walkers.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Striving for excellence '86



Mayor Harold Washington tells CTA Striving for Excellence honorees of his pride and appreciation for them at Condesa Del Mar banquet. The mayor received a rousing welcome from an enthusiastic crowd as he was introduced by **CTA Chairman Walter H. Clark**. Others on the dias are (from left) Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources **Anita Curtis**, Chief Administrative Officer **Larry Pianto**, **Chairman Clark**, Vice Chairman **John J. Hoellen**.

Mayor Washington greets, toasts "Striving" honorees

Mayor Harold Washington received a thunderous standing ovation as he and his entourage made their way to the "Striving for Excellence" platform at Condesa del Mar, where he paid homage on September 13 to 1,009 CTA employees who were honored for performance excellence.

Mayor Washington, introduced by **CTA Chairman Walter Clark**, entered the elegant southside supper club as the band struck up the familiar tune, "Chicago." The city's chief executive told honorees and guests, "CTA employees have proven their dedication to the citizens of Chicago by working at a level above and beyond the call of duty."

In his special proclamation for the occasion, the mayor urged Chicagoans to be aware of the importance of CTA's contribution to excellence in public service.

It was the first time in the Striving for Excellence recognition program's three-year history that Mayor Washington has been available to attend CTA's employee honors banquet. Employees and guests signaled their appreciation with a warm greeting as the mayor was announced.

CTA Chief Administrative Officer Larry Pianto expressed appreciation for the mayor's attendance on behalf of all CTA employees. Honorees also heard the congratulatory salutes of Deputy Executive Directors **Harry Reddrick**, Operations, and **George Millonas**, Engineering and Maintenance. Both expressed pride and appreciation in the honorees and their outstanding work records. Mayor Washington joined Chairman Clark and other CTA executives in a toast to the honorees, which was led by CTA Chairman Clark.

Entertainment included a musical presentation as well as music for dancing by the Grand Staff band. Songs were by vocalist/bandleader Mark Ingram, and comedian Max Cooper did impressions.

Bus operators, box pullers, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, switchmen, towermen, yard foremen, and foot collectors included among



Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, draws the name of a Facilities Engineering and Maintenance employee for a special gift made possible through donations for use by Striving for Excellence honorees.

George Millonas, deputy executive director, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, drew a name of an Operations employee.

honorees were employees hired prior to January 1, 1985. All had worked at least 200 days in their classification, or were in a pool for a union-represented classification.

These operating employees were also required to have 1985 work records which were free of misses, chargeable injuries on duty, violations, suspensions, and corrective case interviews. They were also required to have had no more than one occasion of illness requiring absence from work, or one non-chargeable complaint, or one non-chargeable accident.

Because commitment to excellence is expected to increase as individuals advance within the Operations Division, clerks, supervisors and instructors were required to meet stricter criteria. These employees must have worked at least 200 days in their classification, or in a pool for a union-represented classification during both 1984 and 1985. Their work records for both years had to be perfect.

In selecting persons for the Striving for Excellence testimonial, the work records of 7,000 employees assigned to eligible classifications were reviewed at least twice by their superintendents and by the Operations Instruction Sec-

tion staff.

A slightly different criteria set by Engineering and Maintenance for its personnel did not permit employees with a suspension, absence without leave, or similar violation to be included in Striving for Excellence honors.

Union employees from all Engineering and Maintenance departments were considered for the Striving for Excellence program provided their work records indicated perfect attendance in the past two years (since 1984). Thus, of the 1,300 records screened, only 325 employees were selected from the division to receive the honors, said Florence Salus, director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Service. "We held our people to a strict criteria," said Ms. Salus.

In order to be eligible for consideration, Engineering and Maintenance employees needed a minimum of seven points for attendance which included five points for perfect attendance in 1985 and two points for the previous year of perfect attendance. Bonus points were given for commendations, and points were subtracted for written warnings. The division honored personnel having the highest number of points.



Mayor Harold Washington joins the CTA hosts in toasting the Striving for Excellence honorees. Lifting their glasses are (from left) **George Millonas, Linda Grysbeck, Larry Pianto, Anita Curtis, Mayor Washington, Harry Reddick,** and CTA Vice Chairman **John Hoellen.** Chairman **Walter Clark** leads the toast at the podium.



Grand Staff plays tribute to honorees

Grand Staff, the Chicago band which has entertained CTA's Striving for Excellence honorees since the testimonial's inception in 1983, abounds with talent.

The eight-piece band is directed by singer Mark Ingram, a man whose musical style and flair draws an audience into each show. The band's musical director/arranger is Orbert Davis, a Columbia College music teacher who is also a musician for singer Gladys Knight and the Pips, as well as other entertainers when they are visiting Chicago.

Ingram and company gave the 1986 Striving for Excellence honorees and guests a glimpse of Grand Staff's talent with a new arrangement and lyrics of a familiar tune. "We Built this City" became "We Move this City" (by CTA). The idea

originated with **Bill Sholdice**, director, Training and Development, Operations Training/Instruction.

Sholdice presented the idea to Operations Training/Instruction Manager **Elonzo Hill** who discussed it with Ingram. Later, Sholdice and the bandleader co-wrote new lyrics which would honor CTA's outstanding employees, and the musical arrangement followed.

Grand Staff was winner of Budweiser Brewer's Showdown held at Washington, D.C. in August and hosted by singer Lou Rawls. The showdown was a musical battle between some 15,000 bands for the local to regional and national level. The top prize was a Warner Brothers recording contract.



Honorees and guests enjoyed an evening of dancing following the recognition program.

Special prizes donated for honorees

Striving for Excellence honorees of 1986 were recipients of a variety of prizes in recognition of their outstanding performance, thanks to CTA's Promotional Services section, Public Affairs department.

Terry Hocin, director of Promotional Services, said some honorees received Cubs or White Sox baseball tickets, and others were awarded University of Illinois Flame Basketball tickets. All were donated for use by the honorees, Hocin said.

Other prizes donated included a Sony walkman, tickets to the Circus Vargas and the Museum of Science and Industry Omnimax, as well as a two-night stay at the Chicago Hilton which was donated by the Avenues to the World travel agency and the Hilton Hotel Corporation. The prizes were awarded in a random drawing.

Another random drawing offered a getaway weekend package for a couple to include dinner and a play at the Pheasant Run Theatre, provided by the CTA Community Affairs department. Honorees also received a commemorative key chain, and certificates denoting their accomplishments.



CTA Board selects Robert E. Paaswell Executive Director

The Chicago Transit Board on Sept. 29 selected Robert E. Paaswell, a professor of transportation engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), as Executive Director.

Paaswell, 49, has served as director of UIC's Urban Transportation Center since 1982. Most recently, the Center has performed innovative work on the provision of public transit by private sector suppliers, and helped CTA write contracts for service for the handicapped by private companies.

A member of the CTA Citizens Advisory Committee, the RTA Strategic Plan Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force on Transportation for the Disabled, Paaswell serves on a number of other metropolitan area transit advisory committees.

Active for more than 10 years as a consultant to the United States Department of Transportation on minorities and the transportation industry, he recently organized a conference to bring together representatives of minority educational institutions and the transit industry.

Paaswell worked in the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation in 1976 and 1977, receiving the Secretary's award



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for Superior Achievement for his work in policy analysis.

He is currently involved in urban transportation planning in the People's Republic of China. During a trip to China this October, Paaswell was named an honorary professor at the Jilin University of Technology in Changchun in recognition of his research program development at that institution.

Born in Redwing, Minn., Paaswell attended Columbia University in New York City and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1956, a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering the following year and an M.S. in applied mechanics in 1961. He earned a doctorate in civil engineering from Rutgers University in 1965.

He joined the faculty of the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1964 and was named a professor of civil engineering in 1976. He founded and directed the center for Transportation Studies and Research there in 1978 and, in 1980 and 1981, held the

concurrent post of chairman and professor of the Department of Environmental Design and Planning.

He has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and now serves as chairman of the Committee on Transportation Disadvantaged for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences.

He is a member of the science honorary society Sigma Xi and was a Ford Foundation Scholar at Columbia University.

Paaswell is the co-author of one book, has written or co-written more than 60 articles on transit topics for professional and scholarly journals and has prepared more than 70 special reports on transportation and engineering issues.

He and his wife, Rosalind Paaswell, first deputy commissioner for economic development for the City of Chicago, are the parents of a daughter, Judith Miara, and a son, George.

New arrival



Meet Geri Burns, executive secretary to CTA Chairman Walter H. Clark. Mrs. Burns joins CTA after 19 years with CitiCorp Savings. A native Chicagoan, she enjoys tennis and biking. She and her husband, Jerry, are residents of Brighton Park.



Natalia Delgado joins CTA Board

Ms. Natalia Delgado assumed her seat on the CTA Board on September 24. She was appointed to the Board by Mayor Harold Washington to fill the vacancy created when former CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli's term expired on August 31.

Ms. Delgado is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and holds an A.B. degree from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She has been an associate in the Chicago law firm of Jenner & Block since 1984, and previously practiced at a Wall Street law firm, where she specialized in securities and corporate finance. Her professional affiliations include the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, the Hispanic American Bar Association, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, and The Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Commenting on her experiences as a frequent CTA rider, Ms. Delgado said, "Although we are the best transit system in the country, I believe that CTA should strive to operate with a higher degree of professionalism and greater concern for the welfare of the riding public."

Ms. Delgado was born in Cuba, emigrated to the United States at age nine, and lived in Miami and Connecticut before settling in the Midwest. She and her husband Rodrigo live on the North Side of Chicago.

Peter J. Meinardi dies

APTA Hall of Fame honoree

Peter J. Meinardi, 77, retired manager of general administration and finance for the Chicago Transit Authority, died on October 8, at his home in Wilmette.

Mr. Meinardi joined CTA as assistant comptroller in April 1948, about six months after public transit in Chicago began operations as the CTA. He was named controller in 1950 and manager of finance in 1965. He retired in 1974.

On the day Mr. Meinardi died, he was to have been inducted into the Transit Hall of Fame of the American Public Transit Association (APTA) at their annual meeting in Detroit. A news release issued by APTA stated he was being honored for "bringing a wide array of innovative improvements to the authority including pioneering the computerization of the CTA as early as 1950. He is a developer of an



accounting system that produced an information flow throughout the system that was the first of its kind in transit."

He is survived by his wife, Edith, and three daughters.



Chairman Cardilli retires

Former CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** holds a memento of his service as he shares a light-hearted moment with Board Member **Nick Rugiero** (left), former board member **James Gallagher**, and Chief Ad-

ministrative Officer **Larry Pianto**. The occasion was a farewell celebration in honor of Cardilli's retirement, held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on September 19.

Matas

'shows'

APTA

Michael Matas, the 1986 CTA Bus Rodeo champion, is at the wheel (left) of a 40-foot bus and ready to get underway in the American Public Transit Association's International Bus Rodeo at Detroit. Following the competition (right) Matas, who scored 633 points to place third in the APTA competition, is congratulated by his wife, Jennifer, CTA Bus Instructor John McClain, and Deputy Executive Director/Human Resources Anita Curtis who were also at the APTA Bus Rodeo course cheering for CTA's champion.

Photos by Betty B. Edwards



Competition winners honored

CTA's top bus operator, rapid transit motorman, rail conductor, and ticket agent were the center of attention at the sixth annual competition awards banquet held August 29 at the Merchandise Mart Plaza Holiday Inn's Saugnash Room.

Returning to the winner's circle this year was Bus Rodeo champion **Michael Matas** of Forest Glen garage, Kimball motorman **Robert Sanders**, Third Rail RoundUp champion, and ticket agent **Bryant Alexander** of 95th Street terminal, claiming his third consecutive victory as the number

one ticket agent in the Authority.

First place honors as conductor in the Third Rail RoundUp for 1986 went to **Diane Howard** of Ashland terminal, the first woman ever to take first place honors in any of the championship competitions. Members of CTA's Winning Circle 20, Roundhouse 18, and Top Notch Ten were also among honorees sharing the evening with the top winners.



Above: **Michael Matas**, joined by his wife, Jennifer, accepts the 1986 first place Bus Rodeo trophy presented at the August 29 awards banquet by **Elonzo Hill** (left), manager, Operations Training/Instruction. Hill was accompanied by **Alex Johnson**, manager, Transportation Personnel.

Right, above: **Bryant Alexander**, joined by his wife, Sharon, proudly displays the first place trophy as CTA's top ticket agent. Making the presentation to the three-time winner was **Arthur Bennett** (left), chairman of the 1986 Top Notch Ten competition. Others on hand for the presentation were Deputy Executive Director/Operations, **Harry Reddick**, and Manager, Transportation Personnel, **Alex Johnson**.

Right: **Diane Howard** of Ashland terminal, the 1986 Third Rail Roundup top conductor, displays the individual first place trophy while Ashland Superintendent **Jim McClain** holds the terminal trophy. **Robert Sanders** (extreme right) of Kimball terminal holds the individual trophy awarded him as first place motorman in the competition. Sanders is accompanied by Kimball Superintendent **Nick Bleino** who also received a terminal trophy.



ZAP **AWARDS**

As maintenance safety figures were tabulated at the close of the second quarter, repairmen and other Engineering and Maintenance personnel in five work locations had earned catered luncheons for having sustained accident-free performance, or for having the lowest frequency rate in their field of competition for a six month period.

James F. Dudley, supervisor, Industrial Safety, said approximately 525 employees were served the special catered lunches at 61st/Racine and 98th maintenance terminals, Archer garage, Skokie Rail Shops, and the 77th Street Bus Shops. A variety of other prizes such as caps, jackets, cups, and grocery gift certificates were also awarded, as well as the coveted ZAP certificate which foremen received on behalf of their respective shop crews. Shop personnel on both morning and night shifts were honored.

First place honors for the quarters were also earned by maintenance personnel at Limits garage, although the facility did not qualify for the six month accident-free luncheon. Personnel at Desplaines terminal received a second place certificate for the quarter.



Night shift maintenance personnel at Archer garage help themselves to a sumptuous catered lunch provided by Maintenance Safety in recognition of Archer's six-month

accident-free performance record. Archer personnel on both shifts as well as maintenance personnel at four other work locations, were treated to the special luncheon.



Frank Lercara (left) maintenance foreman at Limits garage, accepted the first place ZAP certificate for his crew. Making the presentation was Terrance McGuigan, director, Bus Maintenance. McGuigan, 42, who joined CTA August 26, 1962, died suddenly on October 26.



Archer garage maintenance night crew foreman Mike O'Connor (left) accepts the first place Zero Accident Program certificate from Terry Muellner, superintendent, southside garages.

Mary Hurdle (West Section) was appreciated for her courtesy as ticket agent at Laramie on the

Douglas-O'Hare line by Mary Townsend, of Cicero.

"I call her 'Sunshine.' Every morning she has a 'Good morning, how are you? Have a nice day!' for everyone going through her turnstile. This, along with her beaming smile, really starts my day off right. I hope she is never transferred from this station because I know she would be sadly missed by many people. I have seen a lot of people perk up after going through there in the morning. I know you have a lot of other good employees, but I think she is exceptional."



Willie Peoples (77th Street garage) "does an outstanding job" as operator of a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus, according to Vincent Turner, of Vincennes Avenue. "While being polite and courteous to all passengers, his direct manner makes it clear to the 'rabble-rousers' that he is not to be toyed with. His calm yet persistent assertion of CTA regulations, transfer restrictions and fare requirements has more than once deterred youngsters and others from trying to get a free ride. More importantly, though, I feel secure in riding with this driver. He displays good judgment and skill in maneuvering his bus through traffic."

Kenneth Richards (Limits garage) was praised by Lori Hayes, of Lakeside Place, a regular rider on his No. 145 Wilson-Michigan Express bus. "He called out stops loud enough for passengers in the rear to hear. He was always punctual, so I would catch his bus at the same time every day. His bus was always clean and free of water, even on rainy days. He was considerate enough to lend a helping hand to disabled or older individuals who had trouble getting on or off the bus. He would wait for passengers running for his bus, rain or shine. You are fortunate to have on your staff a bus driver like Mr. Richards."

Eduardo Diaz (North Ave./Lawndale garage) was complimented by Irma Lobe, of Drummond Place, who was a rider on his No. 76 Diversey bus. "He assisted an elderly passenger in a very courteous and gentlemanly manner. When the driver informed everyone they would have to change buses at Logan Square, a short, elderly lady using a cane had great difficulty trying to get down the bus steps. Without hesitation, the driver, after setting his brakes, assisted the woman down. After observing the lady having difficulty reaching an eastbound bus, he again set his brakes and personally assisted the woman to the bus."



Heriberto Munoz (North Park garage) was commended by Suzanne Lindsay, who rode his No. 22 Clark bus to her job on North Wells Street. "He was very pleasant in greeting all passengers or when answering questions. He also demonstrated what riding with a professional, conscientious driver should be like. He always pulled right up to the curbs so that passengers could easily enter and exit the bus, and he managed to start and stop the bus without throwing passengers into each other. When a passenger was running alongside the bus, he actually waited. He even stopped to help a blind person cross the street."

Eloise Carter (77th Street garage) was noticed by Lawrence Moorehead as he rode her No. 3 King Drive bus north from his home on King at 66th Street. "I had an appointment at the Veterans' Hospital on Huron, and asked her where to transfer. She explained that I should stay on the bus to Randolph and change to a Number 157. She had a smile and a 'Good morning' for everyone who boarded the bus. She also had a smile and 'Have a good day' for all who got off at the front. I am sure that even those who did not respond later had time to think that what made their day so pleasant was this bus driver's smile and greeting."

Walter Moore (North Park garage) impressed Nancy Rawles, of Howe Street, with his handling of a No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus. "The thing I most appreciated about him, besides his general friendliness, good humor and helpful demeanor, was the way in which he listened to passengers who use English as a second language. When you're new in a country, even riding a bus can be an ordeal. I know, as I have lived abroad. This driver turned potentially unpleasant situations into enjoyable experiences. This makes a big difference after a long, hard day at work when you just want to get home."

Pamela Stoval (West Section), ticket agent at Chicago/Milwaukee, was thanked by Patricia Brey, of Leonard Avenue, for her help after being pickpocketed on a train at Lake Transfer station. "I got off to call police and phone my husband to report my credit cards had been stolen. Ms. Stoval, who listened to my nervous chatter most politely, made out a theft report and had the good will and courtesy to follow up with four calls to dispatch the police. I hope Ms. Stoval never gets too disillusioned to continue to help people in distress. She was a godsend that night as the circumstances of my day had made me upset."

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Glen Adams, 77th Street
Mahmood Ali, North Section

Robert Baker, Forest Glen
Vernon Barney, Limits
Mary Beard, Kedzie
Emmitt Beard, Forest Glen
Nancy Bennett, Agents West
Freidun Betdasht, Forest Glen
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Tommie Bosley, Howard/Kimball
Stephen Brown, 77th Street
Allen Brown, 69th Street
Everett Brown, Forest Glen
Melvin Buckley, 77th Street
Joe Bullock, Limits
Eric Burke, 69th Street

Jean Cage, North Park
Bernard Calhoun, Jefferson Park
Jose Cancel, North Park
Eloise Carter, 77th Street
Jessie Cavanero, North Park
Otis Clay, 77th Street
Tyree Cobb Jr., Limits
Douglas Cockbill, North Park
James Cockrell, Limits
Anthony Coco, 77th Street
Johnnie Curry, Archer

Barbara Dandridge, Beverly
Deborah Davis, Forest Glen
Arthur Davis, Limits
Peter Dolan, North Park
Marcelo Droira, Forest Glen
Hugo Echeverria, North Park
Raphael Emery, North Park
Roseann Evans, North Park
Lugene Everett, North Avenue

Barney Fason, 77th Street
Norman Feldman, Forest Glen
Thomas Figler, Howard/Kimball
Hubert Fincher, North Park
Harmon Fisher, Kedzie
Terry Foster, North Park

Bertram Gage, Forest Glen
Phillip Gary Jr., 69th Street
David Gaston, North Park
Jerome Gladney, Howard/Kimball
Allen Gordon, 69th Street
Jerry Green, Kedzie
German Gutierrez, North Park

John Harper Jr., Archer
Arthur Hawkins Jr., Kedzie
Ellie Head, 69th Street
Robert Hicks, 77th Street
Mary Holt, Limits
Robert Hopkins Sr., Forest Glen
Joe Hudgins, Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park
Ricca James, North Section
Arthur Jarnegan, Forest Park
David Jenkins, Limits
Candido Jimenez Jr., North Avenue
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie

Joe Kent, 77th Street
James Ketchum Jr., North Avenue
Roland King, Jefferson Park

Anthony Lag, Limits
Paul Lane, Douglas/Congress
Kenneth Lee, 77th Street
Amy Love, Kedzie

Michael Maines, Forest Glen
Melinda Manoni, West Section
James Marshall, 77th Street
Lura Martin, Kedzie
Dora Martin, Forest Glen
Daniel Martin, Forest Glen
Israel Martinez, Forest Glen
Joseph Maryland, Limits
Richard Massey, 69th Street
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
Walter McKinney, Archer
James Melton, Forest Glen
William Miles, Beverly
Jessie Miller, Forest Glen
Frank Minardo, Howard/Kimball
Albert Moffett, Kedzie
Howard Monroe, North Park
Hermilo Montes, Limits
Michael Moore, Bus District B
Thelma Moore, Beverly
Guilford Moore, Rail System

Peter Norfleet Jr., 77th Street

Dorothy O'Neal, Limits
Eugene Orr, Limits
Clara Owens, North Avenue

John Paczkowski, North Park
Roberto Pagan, 77th Street
Thomas Palma, North Avenue
Anthony Parker, North Avenue
Nathaniel Parker, Forest Park
Veronica Parker, North Section
Fanny Patton, Archer
Harry Payne, Ashland
George Payton, Beverly
Willie Peoples, 77th Street
Rosario Perez, Jefferson Park
Irvin Perry, Archer
Willard Polk, 77th Street
Donnell Prater, Limits
Jesus Priego, North Avenue

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Manuel Ramirez, North Park
Clarence Rance, Rail System
Dandridge Rayford, Howard/Kimball
Eugene Reid, Limits
Hermínio Rivera, North Avenue
James Robinson, Archer
William Roman, Limits
Tommy Ross, Forest Glen
Leroy Rupert, Archer

Ismail Saleh, North Park
Elijah Sanders, North Avenue
Felipe Santana, Forest Glen
Ismael Santos Jr., North Park
Rueben Sims, 77th Street
Drusilla Smith, 77th Street
Robert Smith, Kedzie
Dennis Smith, Howard/Kimball
William Spencer, 77th Street
Frank Staszak, Beverly
John Stiles, Howard/Kimball
Harold Stingley Jr., Douglas/Congress
Evelyn Stofer, West Section
Pamela Stovall, West Section
Marion Stubbs, North Park
Annie Stuckey, 69th Street
Maria Sudeikis, Archer
Willie Mae Sures, 77th Street

Rickey Taylor, Beverly
Brian Thomas, Archer
Robert Thomas, North Park
Lee Thompson, North Park
Mary Thrower, Jefferson Park
Lela Townes, 77th Street
Barbara Townsend, 77th Street
Bobby Townsend, Archer
Barbara Tribble, Archer

Renato Ugartechea, North Avenue

Juanita Valdez, Kedzie
Arturo Valdez, North Park
Gerardo Vargas, North Park
Juris Vitands, Forest Glen

Thelmer Walker, Kedzie
Cleven Wardlow Jr., Douglas/Congress
Myron Webb, Limits
Vontie White, Forest Glen
Fredrick White, Limits
Joseph Williams, 69th Street
Albert Williams, Forest Glen
Allen Willis Jr., Kedzie

Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen

James Zak, Howard/Kimball
Joseph Zukerman, North Park



OFFICE SAFETY



In the late 1940's and early '50's old time radio comedy presented Fibber McGee and his ever present closet of junk, which all came tumbling down upon him whenever he opened the closet door.

Today, in some old Johnny Carson reruns we still see the "Great Carnack" tripping as he makes his grand entrance---all for a few laughs. In reality, however, having junk heaped upon your head, or suffering a spill to the floor really isn't so funny. In fact, it could prove disastrous.

Consider the manager trudging into the office with a briefcase in one hand and attempting to balance a cup of coffee and a ledger in the other. The manager spills a little coffee on the floor but ignores it.

Minutes later a co-worker, oblivious to the wet spot on the floor, slips on the spilled coffee, crashes to the floor and sprains a wrist. In another case, a shop worker slips on a greasy spill and sprains an ankle.

Falls such as these are the most common office accidents and account for the majority of disabling injuries. Because they are unexpected, falls can cause serious injuries; and according to the National Safety Council, most accidents could be avoided if people would only take a few minutes to clean up spills, push in a drawer, properly store away items, or properly lift a heavy load.

In a recent CTA Safety Department report of some 70 office accidents over a two and a half year period, 10 percent were falls which resulted in bruises, sprains, strains, and in some

cases fractures, all of which meant a loss in man hours and production.

One can fall up as well as down the stairs simply by attempting to take more than one step at a time, or refusing to use the hand rail. People have been known to fall out of a chair as well as off of a ladder simply because they disregarded a few safety rules.

Think of all the times you thought that extension cord on the floor was dangerous. Why not take a few minutes and get it out of the aisle? Or, why leave a file cabinet drawer open as you walk back to your desk when it takes only a fraction of a second to close it?

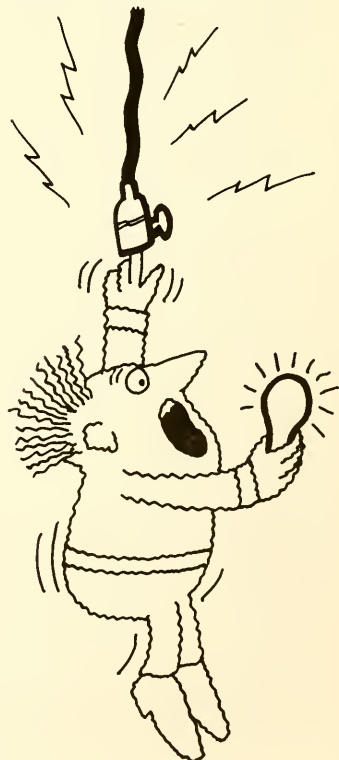
Here are a few other office safety tips that might be worth remembering. Don't block exits, and turn the copy machine off before you attempt to correct a malfunction. Don't forget that office equipment such as electric typewriters, sorters, collating and addressing machines are sure to attack the unsuspecting individual whose dangling tie, scarf, necklace or bracelet is anywhere near an opening while the equipment is operating. Unprotected fingers and long strands of hair are also in danger of being grabbed by these unfeeling machines.

Stacking items on a file cabinet creates potential hazards. Real accident prevention is storing items in the cabinet, not on it.

Remember that frayed and exposed wires can cause shocks and start fires. Grasping the plug to pull it out rather than yanking the cord prevents fraying. A three-wire grounding system is a must for eliminating shock hazards.

Never use special devices, or "cheaters" to put a three-pronged plug into a two-prong outlet.

Safety demands caution and common sense whether in the office, the shop, or on the street.



Operations Day in CTA

The alert reaction of conductor **Harold Howell** and motorman **Clarence Dotton** was undoubtedly the difference between life and death for a man who had fallen between two rail cars as he ran towards the train at the southbound Wilson Avenue stop.

Howell saw the incident and immediately notified his motorman to stop the train. The Control Center was notified at once and the power was cut. Dotton and Howell then rescued the man by pulling him from beneath the cars. Both Howard terminal crewmen were honored on "Day in CTA."

Another Howard terminal employee, conductor **John McCormack**, was also the recipient of special "Day in CTA" honors for his alert reaction to a situation which could have resulted in extensive property loss due to fire.

McCormack was working at Davis street on the Evanston route, when he saw a youth underneath the platform stacking newspaper and setting them on fire. He interrupted the youth, who ran away, and notified the control center. Evanston Police and Fire Departments were dispatched.

Meanwhile, McCormack and a construction liaison extinguished the fire. Reports said the damage was minor.

Harlem conductor **Douglas Parker** is credited with convincing a



Day in CTA honorees get a tour of the CTA control center. Explaining procedures is bus controller John Batzel (left). On the tour are Harold Howell, Clarence Dotton, John McCormack, and Douglas Parker. Seated at the console is bus instructor James Thaxton.

youthful runaway on board his West-Northwest route train to let him call police for her own protection. The girl, who had been missing from her Indianapolis, Indiana home for six days, was discovered by Parker in one of the train cars. After talking with the girl,

Parker turned her over to a supervisor upon arrival at O'Hare terminal, and police were summoned.

Parker was honored on a "Day in CTA" for his willingness to get involved, and for properly handling a delicate situation.

Timetables now available for riders

Timetables for 10 CTA bus routes and the Skokie Swift are now available for public distribution, it was announced by **Dave Phillips**, superintendent, Service Planning, Operations Planning Department.

The available schedules are: **30** - South Chicago, **31** - 31 Street, **34** - Michigan Avenue, **41** - Elston/Clybourn, **54a** - No. Cicero/Skokie Blvd., **59** - 59-61st, **86** - Naragansett, **89** - North Kedzie, **97**

-Skokie Bus - Skokie Swift, and **131** - Washington.

Each timetable includes a map of the route, names of stops along the route and departure and arrival times. Schedules are listed separately for weekdays, weekends and holidays. Quantities are limited.

Copies of schedules for distribution to riders are available from garage and terminal clerks, and from the Schedules section in the Merchandise Mart.



Retirees enjoy annual picnic

More than 200 CTA retirees, family members and friends gathered for the annual picnic sponsored by the CTA Senior Citizens' Retirement Organization. The event was held on August 2 at Grove 4 in the Forest Preserve at 27th street and Desplaines avenue.

Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and beverages provided by the organization, and individual barbecues were kept busy

preparing items brought from home.

Games for youngsters and adults featured friendly and enthusiastic competition for prizes, and door prizes were also awarded. Horseshoes for the adults and Bozo Buckets for the children proved to be the most popular games.

Everyone had a great time from late morning until early evening despite the 90-degree weather.



John Lukac proudly announces that he retired from South Shops in 1968.



George Macak (left), who retired on January 1 of this year as supervisor of graphic production in Operations Planning, celebrates with Jim Tucker, who retired 12 years ago as chief clerk in Transportation.



Milo Ruzicka, retired from Archer, 1969, signs up for horseshoe contest with horseshoe chairman Bob Poces (right), son of Harry Poces (left), president of Southwest Retirees.



Harold Burda remembered...

Mrs. Mildred Burda (third from right), widow of Harold Burda (inset), carried on the family tradition of securing donated prizes for the CTA Retirees' picnic, which had been handled admirably for many years by her late husband. Sharing in the moment are the

Burda's sons and daughters-in-law (beginning second from left) Nancy, Craig, Fran, and Duane Burda. At far right is Nancy and Craig's daughter, Cheryl Heinz, and far left is Charlotte Taylor, a guest of Jack Kalka.



Raymond and Lucille Kocmoud celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 11. Ray retired from 77th Street garage in 1977.



Members of the Picnic Committee who made sure that everything was ready for a great time are (left to right): Ben Schultz, pension representative, North Avenue, retired 1972; Clarence Lind, president of CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, retired from Limits garage, November 1971; Jack Kalka, organization secretary and picnic chairman, retired from Lawndale garage, 1971; Charles Derrick, retired from Central Counting, 1978; Pete Dowdall, organization treasurer, retired from North Avenue, April 1974, and Bill Klecka, assistant treasurer, retired from Lawndale, 1971.



Walter Zelis (Archer '71), Fred Spoeri (Kedzie '66), and Frank Holub (Lawndale '68) paused during the festivities to offer best wishes to all their friends at CTA.



Emily Klecka, Faye Sobey, and Kay Lind (from left) prepared hundreds of hot dogs.



The youngsters enjoyed games of Bozo Buckets.

FIESTA DEL SOL

The CTA Community Affairs Department participated on August 2 and 3rd in the 14th annual Fiesta Del Sol, a community fair traditionally organized by Pilsen Neighbors Community Council since 1972, on the first weekend of August.

La Fiesta del Sol is a celebration of the people. It was started after two years of hard work and struggles to get the Benito Juarez High School built. This school was inaugurated in 1976, and it is the pride of the Pilsen community.

This year Pilsen residents were celebrating another main accomplishment, the future construction of the West Side Technical Institute which will be located at 23rd and Western.

The CTA Community Affairs booth was staffed by **Betty B. Edwards**, manager, Community Affairs, **Elda Leal**, superintendent, Community Relations, **Bertram Mims** and **Juan**



Community Affairs Manager **Betty B. Edwards** prepares to conduct the drawing that will select contestants for CTA's Wheel of Fortune game at La Fiesta del Sol.

Puente, community relations coordinators and **Ana Maria Del Rivero**, confidential office assistant.

Besides providing information on CTA services, the "CTA Pride In Transportation Wheel of Fortune" was featured for the first time. Nine players on each of the two days were selected by drawings. Some won prizes consisting of a Monthly pass, a bi-weekly pass, CTA tokens, "Pride in Transportation" frisbies and CTA tie-tacs and cuff links.

This annual event attracts over 100,000 visitors. Local social service agencies promote their services and raise funds through the sale of Mexican food, arts and crafts and other colorful souvenirs. The festive and entertaining activities truly reflect the pride of the people as a celebration of their accomplishments, mostly geared towards better education for the Pilsen residents.

Employees of the year

Materials Management/Stores Employee of the Year competition produced two winners this year, **S.T. Lucas** (left), West Shops warehouse worker, and **Charles Bennett** (center), South Shops warehouse worker. Each winner received an individual plaque and a warm up jacket with his name and the Stores logo on it. Their names also were engraved on a large plaque for display in their respective work places. The awards were presented by **W.C. Roman** (right), director, Material Control/Stores, in a luncheon at the M&M Club, Merchandise Mart, on July 31.



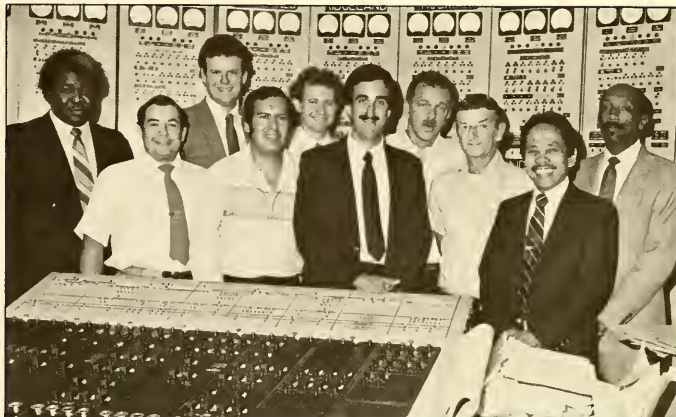
Engineering and Maintenance Day in CTA

A bus repairman, two instructors and a technical services engineer (bus) received special recognition during an Engineering and Maintenance "Day in CTA" for their development of a new jumper wire now used on disabled buses.

The four Engineering and Maintenance employees are mobile bus repairman **Al Hall, Jr.**, garage instructors **Richard Guinn** and **Tom Irwin**, and senior technical services engineer **Wille Torres**.

Richard Schneider, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, said the jumper wire which the four developed makes it possible for a disabled bus to be restarted and driven to a garage for service rather than having to be towed. "It really makes more service time available," said Schneider. The new jumper wire also eliminates runaway buses and related injuries.

Other Engineering and Maintenance personnel honored on "A Day in CTA" were **Duane Engelbrecht** and **Lorenzo**



A visit to the power control center was one of the stops on the agenda for the eight Engineering and Maintenance "Day in CTA" honorees. Conducting the tour was controller Michael Sanchez (front row, second from left). His guests are (from left) Joseph Garrett, car repairman; Lorenzo Rodriguez, bus repairman; Richard Guinn, garage instructor; Alan Hall, mobile bus repairman, and Willie Torres, senior technical services engineer (bus). In back (from left) are Kevin Finnegan, terminal foreman; Tom Irwin, garage instructor; Duane Engelbrecht, bus repairman, and James Elliott, performance control analyst.

Rodriguez, bus repairman who helped extinguish a fire in the diesel delivery drain pan at Kedzie garage. Supervisors said their quick thinking helped avoid a potentially disastrous situation.

The apprehension of a youth in the act of vandalizing rail cars at the

Howard yard also earned terminal foreman **Kevin Finnegan** and car repairman **Joseph Garrett** special recognition on "A Day in CTA." Supervisors said apprehension of the youth by the two employees also led to information on the identity and habits of several graffiti gangs.



AMMS tour

John Gill (left), supervisor, Storeroom 30, 78th and Vincennes, conducts a tour of the southside CTA facility for members of the American Materials Management Society. AMMS conducts nine tours and technical sessions each year of various member companies. An award is also given annually to the organization with the best tour. CTA received the 1985 "Tour of the Year Award" following a tour of the Skokie complex.

For your benefit

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), a federal law enacted April 7, and administered by the CTA Insurance Department, entitles CTA employees to a temporary extension of health coverage at group rates in certain instances where coverage under the group plan would otherwise end.

Any CTA employee who loses group health coverage due to a reduction in hours of employment, or termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, may elect a temporary continuation of health insurance coverage.

Likewise under COBRA, the spouse of an employee covered by Travelers/HMO also has the right to choose continuation of coverage in the event of the Travelers/HMO insured spouse's death, termination of employment for reasons other than misconduct, reduction in hours employed, divorce, legal separation, or the principle covered spouse becomes eligible for Medicare.

Group health coverage is also available to a dependent child under the same circumstances, and in the event the dependent child ceases to be a dependent under Travelers/HMO.

Cost of extended service would vary with coverage required by the insured individual.

Additional information about the COBRA law is available by calling the CTA Insurance Department on extension 3618.



Beverly, 95th earn public safety awards

Public safety awards for the second quarter were presented to Beverly garage and 95th Street terminal. The two southside facilities recorded the best traffic and passenger rates in the system with a total of 54 accident-free days.

It was the first public safety

award for the 95th Street terminal since the fourth quarter of 1986. Beverly's last PSA recognition was in the first quarter of 1985. The garage has earned 22 public safety awards since the program's inception in 1961.



Byron Winburn (left), superintendent II, 95th Street terminal, and Ardis Morris (right), the southside facility's superintendent, accept the interstation safety plaque from Safety Manager Tom Boyle as first place recognition for public safety. Ward Chamberlain, (rear, left), recently retired area superintendent, South, was on hand for the presentation. The honors were earned before Chamberlain's retirement.



Public safety recognition is accorded personnel at Beverly garage in awarding of the Interstation Safety plaque. On hand for the presentation was Thomas Reilly (left), area superintendent, bus garages, South. Tom Boyle, manager, Safety presents the plaque to Beverly Superintendent L.J. Hampton, accompanied by Robert Julan (right), superintendent, 69th Street garage. Julan was assigned to Beverly when the facility earned the safety recognition.



Watch for it!

CTA champion ticket agent **Bryant Alexander** will be featured in a future issue of the Chicago Tribune's Sunday Magazine section. The three-time winner of the ticket agent competition (1986 Top Notch Ten) was recently married. Alexander, along with his wife, Sharon visited Toronto Canada's Transit Commission as CTA's top ticket agent for 1986.



Bus controllers graduate

These 17 newly qualified bus controllers were recently graduated from a program encompassing 80 hours of formal training, and 120 hours of line instruction. The graduates are (front row: left) Joseph Gonzalez, Willie Smith, Howard Freeman, Phillip Bentford, Charles Taylor, Otto Houston, and Katherine Cunningham. In the second row are (from left) Derrick Robinson, assistant superintendent; Lino Alcaraz, superintendent; Don Reck, Conley Johnson, Raul Colon, Cedric Crosbie, Willie Harrington, Craig Pease,

Melvin Jackson, Aaron Crockett, and Tommie Stewart. Standing in the third row are (from left) Robert Desjignes, manager, Operations Administrative Service, David T. Martin, manager, Operations Communications/Power Control, Elonzo Hill, manager, Operations Training/Instruction, Paul Kadowaki, director, Operations Training/Instruction, Arthur Allen, Alex Johnson, manager, Transportation Personnel, and Michael LaVelle, manager, Transportation Services.



New rail supervisors

New rapid transit service supervisors proudly display certificates of training following graduation August 12 in the CTA Board room. The trainees were given 112 hours of classroom instruction followed by 68 hours of on-the-job training. Displaying their newly earned certificates are (seated from left) Arthur Chavez, Rena Sammon, Deborah Hampton, Linda Lee, Arlene Hudson, Sharon Coleman, and Leon C. Haywood. Standing are (from left) Instructor Myron Woods, Hamp Johnson, Thomas Castro, Edward Mit-

chell, director, Technical Services; David T. Martin, manager, Communications and Power Control, Steven James, James Holmes, Elonzo Hill, manager, Operations Training/Instruction; Charles Brown, Reginald Hayes, Michael LaVelle, manager, Transportation Services; Robert Janz, director, Rail Service, Arthur Hubbard, superintendent, Rail Instruction; Bart Wutzbach, Paul Kadowaki, director, Operations Training/Instruction, and Norman Herron, superintendent, Operations Training Center.

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Control Center

The joyous sounds of wedding bells rang out for three happy couples in September. **John and Judy Batzel** were joined in matrimony on September 6 and honeymooned on the romantic island of Honolulu, Hawaii...**Al Fleming**, power controller, exchanged vows with **Jimmie Seymour**, assistant superintendent, agent district, September 21. The wedding was held at the home of co-worker **Corrine Dalmás**...We also congratulate **Jacqueline Israel**, confidential office assistant, and **Yoron Dael Israel** who were married September 29 on Honolulu. We extend our best wishes for health and happiness to each of the happy couples...Best wishes and congratulations to the recently promoted controllers **Phillip Aurilemma** who was moved from rail instructor to rail controller, and **Ernest Young**, who was promoted from pool supervisor to rail controller...We also congratulate **Carol Taylor**, Operations, Administrative Services on her promotion from COA to incentive programs coordinator...A big congratulations to grandpa **John Angelo**, power con-

troller, who was blessed with two grandsons during the month of August. **John Jr.** (oldest son), and his wife had a 9 pound, eight ounce son, Ryan Nicholas, and son Michael and his wife had a nine pound son, Tylor Mathew. Best wishes to all...**Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Control who is a member of "The Bachelors and Benedicts, Chicago Ace of Clubs" is extending an invitation to the club's fall dinner dance set for November 15 at the Harvey Holiday Inn Regency Ballroom at 17040 South Halsted. Music will be by Gentlemen of Leisure. Call Jerry for more information on extension 4194...**Joseph Daquilante**, assistant superintendent, Bus Control, surprised the Control Center with his creative woodcarving talent. Joe gave up staying in the kitchen for carving in his garage. He is now 15 pounds lighter and pursuing a hobby which has earned him the right to display his wares in craft fairs. His creative items include three different sizes of reindeer holders, complete with fuzzy noses. He has also made carousels and towel holders, all carved from wood and burned, stained, or glazed and very catching. You may see his display at Gorden Tech High School on November 1. Stop in if you are in the area. Good luck Joe.

Carol A. Musto



Assistant Superintendent Harry Horn is the proud grandfather of an eight pound, 21-inch granddaughter named **Teresa Aimee**. She was born March 15. Her parents are **Cipriano and Amy Albarán**. Teresa's father is a car cleaner at River Road.

Howard Street

Proud parents **Beverly Chapman Gray**, towerman at Howard Street, and husband **Mitchell E. Gray**, a motorman from Howard, announced the birth of their daughter, **Britney Michelle** September 24 at Michael Reese hospital. Baby Britney tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

North Section

Two months recuperating after emergency surgery, almost all of **Glenda Lyles** is back to work. She feels great, and looks mahvelous, dahlings. Look out Louis Torres!...**Jim Unnerstall**, formerly a driver out of North Park garage, is joining the research team at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland Ohio. Jim is a neuropharmacologist, and his area of expertise is in Alzheimers disease. This reporter believes that Dr. Unnerstall will someday earn a Nobel Prize, and make us all proud that he was once working with us here at CTA.

Josephine Anderson

General Office

Congratulations to **Sandra M. Gildersleeve**, 1986 winner of the Golden Poet award which was presented at the second annual Poetry convention in Orlando, Florida. Ms Gildersleeve was also recipient of the International Black Writers Award presented by the International Black Writers Conference. Sandra Gildersleeve is the sister of **Beverly Catherine** of CTA's Field



Brian D. Stephen, 15, a junior at Chicago Vocational High School (where he ranks 6 out of 1725 juniors), and the son of bus controller **James Stephen**, obtained the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor. He is a member of troop 739, Calumet District, Chicago Area Council. The Eagle Scout rank is achieved by approximately 2 percent of all scouts and represents accomplishments in scouting skills, leadership, service, strength of character and understanding of community and nation.



Kudos to Don Nash, father of confidential office assistant Desiree Lampkins, Accounting Operations. Ms Lampkins is justifiably proud of her father's recent appointment as vice president/Community and Governmental Affairs for Coca Cola Bottling Company, Chicago. In his new post, Mr. Nash, who has been with the internationally renowned soft drink company for 25 years, is responsible for coordinating Coca Cola's public sector programs, key consumer groups, charities, special interest groups, governmental agencies, and media relations. He is an alumnus of Tennessee A&I University, and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Review... **Zdravko D. Lakciev** of Skokie Shops had praises for **Margo Julun** and **Sharlene Chaney** of the Insurance department for their kind assistance when he was disabled by an accident. "I wasn't doing very well with the forms that had to be filed, and I really needed help. They were very

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

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Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mar. 1986.

Service anniversaries in September

45 Years

June Noren, Revenue Accounting

35 Years

Edward Meskimen, Printing

30 Years

Cornelius Allen, Beverly
Roland Bagley, West Section
Billy Brandon, Utility
Curtis Brown, 77th Street
Clarence Buthman Jr., Computer Operations
Raymond Carson, Pensions
Clarence Crawley Jr., Utility
Robert Harris Jr., West Section
Eleanor Hasbrouck, West Section
Ronald Hodges, North Park
C. Jones, Archer
James McGrew, Bus District B
Willie Reed, 77th Street
Donald Ryba, Forest Glen
Jack Smith, North Park
Robert Smith, Distribution
James Stanford, Track & Roadway
Jerome Walker, Limits

40 Years

Edward Barry, North Avenue
Lewis Beaver, Brake
George Gart, Limits
Ralph Keane, Mechanical B

25 Years

Samuel Caldwell, 69th Street
William Eberhart, Electric Veh. Design
John Eiselt Jr., North Park
Joseph Gadson, Kedzie
John Gaudie, Mechanical B
James Gorczynski, General Maintenance
John Guinee, Beverly Maintenance
Frederick Jacobi, Body C
Modest Kodak, Central Bus District
Dennis McFadden, Materials & Payables
Darold Person, Payroll Accounting
Rudolf Schoen, Distribution
Muriel Szkowny, Charter & Pass. Revenue
Arlene Zittman, Purchasing
Louis Zoko, Steel Fabrication

kind in coming to my aid immediately with all the administrative details. They really cared and I appreciate their concern," he said... **Charles R. Strom**, architectural designer II, Facilities Engineering, Mart, passed his State Board Exams and is now a Registered Architect in the State of Illinois. Charles has been employed by the Authority since February 17, 1976. He is project manager for the rebuilding of 58th/SSML Station and the new Union Station bus terminal. He was the architectural designer for the Ancillary Facility and Tower at 61st Yard.



Five-year old Elizabeth Turner, the daughter of Rodney and Lynda Turner of Libertyville, takes a victory stroll after being crowned "Little Miss Libertyville" at a July 3 pageant in the Libertyville High School auditorium. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of CTA Claims Director Michael Vitale, and his wife Connie, and the great-granddaughter of CTA Internal Auditing retiree Anthony Vitale.



The Southwest Retirees Club, Chapter 28951 holds meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 12:15 p.m., at the Marquette Park Field House.



North Park

The "Grouch" smiling? Proudly displaying the walleye and northern pike fish, they bought (oops) caught at lake "Big Winnie" in Minnesota on their most recent fishing trip are schedule man **Ed "Grouch" Olender**, **Scott Shalla**, North Park employee **Casey Josefiak Jr.** and retired Skokie shops employee **Casey Josefiak Sr.** Is **Ed Unrein** going to invite all 682 North Park operators for a celebration when he retires January 10, 1987 concluding 26 years of care-free driving along this city's streets?...Your reporter **Mike Flores**



Many of us here at North Park remember the box puller on the vault island who never seemed to get his white work uniform dirty, even in the worst of winter's ravages. It even got to be a running joke among some of us as to how effortless he made the job look while others nearby were muttering under our breath about those below zero temperatures. But mention the subject of fishing and Lou could always make you laugh with a tale of "the one that got away." Mr. **Louis Ferando** passed away August 24, 1986.

is taking pictures of North Park operators and has a long way to go, seeing as we have nearly 700 drivers at this location. Personal misfortune comes to all of us at some time or other and when it does, unfortunately, we may not place a name with a face even though we've worked along side that person so many years. Perhaps we could find a suitable place for these photos at the station and refer to them next time we're trying to assist a co-worker in his moment of sorrow...**Florinda Orcasitas** now at Archer had a birthday...Supervisor **Allen Lector** must have been thinking of just how to pop the b-i-g question when his daughter Marci and Mark Thal recently married. Allen now joins the ranks of married couples and his brides name is Judy...Operator **Bob Devitt** is definitely running hard to be the winner for team Leader #10..."Sounds the same" Dept. In case his voice seems familiar, it may be because pool assistant superintendent **Walter C. Young** has worked at the control center in reply to our calls for assistance...The man with the cigar, **Jack Smith** has now accumulated three solid decades of being a motorman-bus operator!...North Park's baseball teams announced the close of the season with "STYX" winning their championship along with that very tall trophy we saw in the training room recently. Meanwhile, team captain **Jerome 'Cookie' Towns** of the "Breezers" says, the season is way too long and that "the Breezers shall return!"...Monickers Department --**Armentha 'Pee Wee' Dawkins** would go wee-wee

whenever she was picked up as an infant so she says... maybe we'll verify this with her brother **Leo** who works Clark Street...8-10,000 Boy Scouts recently held their "Camperall" in Yorkville, Illinois, and there in the midst of all the crowd were none other than operators **Leonard E. Sims** and **Jerome 'Cookie' Towns** Chairman, Midway District, Chicago, Illinois and commissioner and scoutmaster respectfully. Operator Sims says he's been in scouting nearly thirty years while operator Towns notes that Mr. Sims is so able in his capacities that Cookie decided to take the oath and get into scouting again. A salute to both of these gentlemen...**Richard Vaughn** gets another chance to see how well those "Pampers" do their job now that his daughter Christine and her husband Steve came home with six pounds, nine and one-half ounces of granddaughter named Lisa Marie...**David Kettleson's** tent did not leak when he and his son Paul

Service anniversaries in October

40 Years

Frank Barker, Passenger Controls

35 Years

Peter Abrams Jr., Bus District B
John Cooper, 77th Street
Albert McCormick, 77th Street
Willie Strickland, General Maintenance
Charles Whitman Jr., Kedzie

30 Years

Louis Basso, Stores South
Wilks Battles, Ashland
Billy Brown, Shop Services
Cordell Bruns, Ashland
Henry Chamblers, 69th Street
Amy Grant, Agents District
Willie Herron, Bus Personnel North
David Jones, Kedzie
Led Krahula, North Avenue
Johnnie Love, Rail Sys. Janitor Svc.
S. T. Lucas, Stores West
George Michaud, Support Service Rail
Thomas Reed, Beverly
Edward Ross Jr., Kedzie
Henry Thorne, Rail District South
John Williams, Stores South

25 Years

Nathaniel Coman, Rail District North
James Collins, 77th Street
Wilbert Ellison, North Avenue
Alphonso Govan, Stores South
Harvey Jones, Bus Instruction
Kathleen Sloyan, Revenue Accounting
Michael Tanascu, Howard, Kimball
Lawrence Watts, 69th Street
John Weatherspoon, Pensions

went camping in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin a while ago. Really! ...**"Dollar" Bill Bartlett** has retired from CTA after originally beginning with the Evanston Bus Lines in 1966. Bill and his wife Ruth may follow through on their idea of moving to Emporia, Kansas...May we say THANK YOU to Local 241, Amalgamated Transit Union, and to our Credit Union for their assistance in the preparation of North Park's successful family picnic...Welcomes are extended to our newest superintendents **Tim Hall** and **Paul Singer**...**Chester Harris**, your reporter, and **Owen Terry** have thoughts of forming a camera club in case you are interested. Now, would someone, anyone please get Chester to bring some of those pictures of himself in Washington, D.C. so we can see what he's up to??...Honeymoon on Horseback? Well, not quite. BUT **Julia Fleming** did say 'I Do' to her husband Fred while astride her trusty steed. In the meantime, Julia got interested in the rodeo riders life of competition and now sports a championship belt buckle. No word yet on whether the horse went along on the honeymoon!...Did you notice **Georgia Harris'** little glow of happiness since she and **Joseph Bennett** exchanged wedding vows September 6 of this year?...Is **Victor Colon** (Kimball) still wondering how that newspaper photo of him playing dominos managed to be so prominently displayed here in the station? H-m-m, maybe our friend 'Pedro' knows?...Besides running for team Leader #5 **Sally Olivier** is still trying to top her own score of 157,000 on the "Pac-Man"...Wave Good-bye! **Art Janz** retired September 1, 1986 with



Bus Operator **Blanca Muniz** of Forest Glen garage is the proud grandmother of **Brian Vincent Lopez** who was born August 2 weighing six pounds, two ounces. He is the son of **John** and **Karren Lopez**.

over 25 years of service with CTA. Art's been a box puller since last year and is another of those folks who came to North Park and stayed ever since. Mr. Janz is an aficionado of motorcycling and fishing and says he may make Springrove, Illinois his permanent abode...Our most sincere condolences to union representative **David Washington** on the passing of his father Sam and operator **Nelson White** on the loss of his son Nelson Junior...**North Park's Christmas Committee** has announced that the site for our Christmas event will be the Americana Congress Hotel at 520 South Michigan Av., Saturday, December 13, 1986. Tickets are \$25 each and will be available at the station.

Mike Flores

Materials Management

Congratulations to **Rod Daugherty**, superintendent, Procurement Engineers, under his recent engagement to **Arlene Zittman**, this



reporter. A December wedding is planned with retirement at the end of the year and a move to California in the spring...Celebrating his 100th birthday on August 19 was retired motorman **Joseph F. Witt**. Joe is en-



joying retirement and lives at the Northlake Hotel...Retired police

RETIREMENTS SEPTEMBER.

Leroy Bush, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Louis A. Dovichi, North Ave., 25 yrs.
Cobbie Huff Sr., West Shops, 8 yrs.
Arthur Janz, North Park, 25 yrs.
Bernard T. Kivlehan, Skokie Shop, 37 yrs.
Frank S. Lercara, Limits, 25 yrs.
Francis J. McKernan, North Park, 24 yrs.
Jorge L. Sed, North Park, 9 yrs.

Disabilities

Clavorn Giner, Kedzie, 11 yrs.
William A. Hansen, Skokie Shop, 17 yrs.
William A. Lawson, 69th St., 29 yrs.
Joel Montgomery, 77th St., 18 yrs.
Ronald T. Newson, 77th St., 21 yrs.
John D. Smith, Archer, 12 yrs.

OCTOBER.

Ward H. Chamberlain, South Sect., 40 yrs.
Edward V. Domain Sr., Douglas, 23 yrs.
John W. Guinee, Beverly, 15 yrs.
Albert Meeks, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Raymond F. Sieloff, Archer, 28 yrs.

Disabilities

Evon Barber, North Ave., 10 yrs.
Arnold C. Caldwell, 77th St., 17 yrs.
David Davney Jr., Mad/Wabash, 19 yrs.
Antanas Drutys, Archer, 17 yrs.
Brazetti M. Lipscomb, Ashland, 11 yrs.

liaison representative **Patrick J. McStay** just returned from Ireland where he visited his family. Also returning from the Emerald Isle were **Jeff Keating**, supervisor, Riding Pass Production, and his father **Jeff** who works at West Shops...Condolences to the families of **Lourdes Bastidas**, Storeroom 30, whose sister passed away suddenly and to **Jeanne Ludmann**, cashier, Treasury Department, whose husband, CTA retiree **Oscar Ludmann**, died after a long illness...CTA Mart Golfers fall tournament held in Buffalo Grove was a success. The prizes were worthwhile, the weather cooperated and to add to the festivities, Buffalo Grove was experiencing Taste of Buffalo Grove. The local restaurants displayed their specialties and one golfer in particular stuffed himself with eight chocolate covered strawberries, instead of the usual hamburgers...A farewell party was held at the Greenery for **Dan Kane** who is taking a leave of absence. We all agreed that Dan's genuine concern for customer assistance will be missed by all.

Arlene Zittman

Douglas Terminal

Congratulations are also in order for **Quentin Michalczewski**, Douglas Terminal motorman, a body builder for nine years. Quentin took first place



honors in the recent "Mr. Dallas, Texas Open Masters Body Building Contest." He was one of seven contestants in the age 40-44 class. His next contest will be the Mr. Illinois competition set for November 1 in Elgin. Plans also call for Quentin's participation in the Mr. America Masters national level next July...Retiree **Joseph S. (Preacher) Cabmoch** has written a book of religious poems, three of which are dedicated to his wife, and another "Steel Hand,"



Myra (holding Tuffy), and Charles Keiser (left), former CTA Operations manager, were visited in their Florida home by Jim Jackson and his wife, Colette Szczepanek

Jackson, former CTA executive secretary, Transportation. The Jacksons also visited retired Transportation employees Jack and Wanda Krause.

Carol Ruggiero, promotional services representative, was surprised as she discovered her desk in the Public Affairs section at the Merchandise Mart piled high with gifts. Miss Ruggiero was showered by co-workers as a gesture of goodwill and best wishes on her October 18 wedding to Lansing youth officer Tony Van Gorp.

dedicated to Cabmoch who writes that he has been ordained and says the book of poems on healing therapy, published by Vintage Press, will soon be in local book stores.



IN MEMORIAM

Gregory Anthony, 58, North Park, Emp. 5-23-57, Died 8-27-86
George Bachelder Jr., 76, Archer Emp. 4-30-42, Died 7-27-86
Angelo Bagnole, 98, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-3-09, Died 7-28-86
Christ Borcic, 74, Beverly, Emp. 10-31-47, Died 8-14-86
S. L. Brooks, 61, West Shops, Emp. 9-30-57, Died 8-10-86
Harold F. Burda, 73, Compt./Acctg., Emp. 2-2-37, Died 7-18-86
Charles A. Butts, 88, Electrical, Emp. 6-21-26, Died 7-31-86
Alessandro Carello, 72, Maintenance, Emp. 1-29-45, Died 7-6-86
Mary Carson, 86, South Section, Emp. 2-21-45, Died 8-15-86
Albert Cermak, 82, Beverly, Emp. 9-27-26, Died 8-18-86
Van Cornelous, 75, Maintenance, Emp. 8-28-55, Died 8-6-86
Michael J. Costello, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-7-41, Died 8-4-86
Joseph DeMarco, 66, Rail Veh. Shops, Emp. 1-19-46, Died 8-17-86
Ralph A. DeMaria, 77, West Section, Emp. 8-1-30, Died 8-1-86
Cornelius Doherty, 91, North Sect., Emp. 10-27-22, Died 7-21-86
Louie Ferando, 62, North Park, Emp. 6-27-63, Died 8-24-86

Edward T. Gundlach, 70, North Ave., Emp. 9-3-42, Died 7-5-86
John L. Heffernan, 76, Beverly, Emp. 1-6-48, Died 7-3-86
Charles G. Klein, 81, Stores, Emp. 12-19-33, Died 8-14-86
Erwin D. Krumrey, 77, Veh. Maint., Emp. 11-30-45, Died 8-15-86
Jesse A. Laskey, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-24-34, Died 8-23-86
Thomas A. Meagher, 66, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-14-51, Died 8-5-86
Kenneth C. Mettler, 69, North Ave., Emp. 8-8-42, Died 7-29-86
Henry S. Milewski, 72, Veh. Maint., Emp. 4-25-40, Died 7-19-86
John J. Moran, 81, South Section, Emp. 3-5-25, Died 8-31-86
Louis H. Nelson, 83, North Park, Emp. 9-27-26, Died 7-15-86
Austin O'Grady, 89, Police, Emp. 4-23-24, Died 7-6-86
Evan E. Olmstead, 72, Maintenance, Emp. 7-7-36, Died 8-12-86
William C. Pfeiffer, 71, West Sect., Emp. 4-15-46, Died 7-7-86
Thomas J. Quinn, 70, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 7-25-86
Buford A. Rawls, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 1-30-51, Died 7-28-86
Anthony F. Roche, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-29-43, Died 8-14-86

Frank J. Sabatka, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-22-29, Died 7-10-86
Charles Schrey, 76, Engineering, Emp. 11-18-42, Died 8-24-86
Joseph L. Schultz, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-13-25, Died 7-1-86
Frank J. Sibley, 76, Veh. Maint., Emp. 9-3-41, Died 8-29-86
Joseph E. Sirvid, 68, South Shops, Emp. 5-15-42, Died 8-2-86
Frank L. Sommer, 83, Archer, Emp. 1-31-34, Died 8-20-86
Joseph Stelzner, 77, Veh. Maint., Emp. 3-26-29, Died 7-4-86
William Thomas, 85, Archer, Emp. 3-9-34, Died 8-25-86
J. J. VandenOever, 92, 69th Street, Emp. 12-7-28, Died 8-12-86
John Vidas, 82, Engineering, Emp. 8-21-26, Died 7-2-86
John J. Walsh, 91, Kimball, Emp. 11-8-28, Died 8-31-86
Josephine Walsh, 86, North Section, Emp. 6-16-27, Died 8-8-86
Nathaniel Winters, 96, 77th Street, Emp. 5-8-17, Died 8-22-86
George S. Witt, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-8-47, Died 7-19-86
Theodore Wyncott, 76, Electrical, Emp. 8-15-45, Died 8-22-86



CTA friends and local American Legion associates of William R. Kendall, formerly of CTA's Schedules section, are happy to learn of Bill's recent selection as the American Legion's Department Commander for 1986-87. Kendall, now of Los Angeles, Ca., was selected for the post at the Legion's 67th annual convention held on Kauai, Hawaii. He is reported to have been the first World War II veteran elected commander of American Legion Post 1216, Chicago (1953-54). The post was largely comprised of CTA employees.



CONGRATULATIONS to South Shops industrial engineer Richard Kocourek, and his wife Eileen on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Marie who was born August 23 at 11:04 p.m. weighing eight pounds, and measuring 21 inches.



Oops! Somehow we missed telling you about one of our bright young academic stars. She is Maretha Golden, the daughter of Archer bus operator Alex Golden and his wife, Julia. Miss Golden graduated with honors from Percy L. Julian high school in June, and is currently attending Chicago State University. She is helping her own cause by working part-time for the U.S. Postal Service. As an added benefit, her proud parents have given her a 1986 Nissan 200 SX.



Portage Glacier, near Seward, Alaska

North to Alaska

CTA was well represented aboard the S.S. Fairsea on an August cruise to Alaska's Inside Passage. CTAers on board were **Ruth Beutler**, Library; **Catherine Corcoran**, Treasury; **Rita Deakin**, Financial Reporting and Analysis; **Eleanor Driscoll**, Internal Audit, and retiree **Dagmar McNamara**. Also in the group were **Adele Monson**, Management Services; **Patricia Schoenbaum**, Accounting Systems and Operations; **LaVerne Schultz**, Management Services, and her husband, **Edward**; and this reporter, **Arlene Zittman**, Materials Management.

Our voyage began in Seattle, and the first port of call was Valdez, where we saw our first glacier. It was a cool 43 degrees that morning. Listening to the crackling sounds of the ice in the water and watching the seals enjoy their environment, as they rested on top of the icebergs and then slid back into the water as the ship passed, was a thrilling experience, and one we will long remember. Little can surpass the sensation of seeing icebergs and glaciers for the first time, and trying to realize the greatness and vastness of Alaska.

In Valdez we visited the Alyeska pipeline terminal. Now we understand why the pipeline could be considered the eighth wonder of the world. The building of the pipeline has brought back the fever and excitement of prospecting days.

From there we traveled to Seward, a quiet little town of turn-of-the-century wood-frame buildings reminiscent of the Yukon Gold Rush era. There some of us took a bus tour to Anchorage, a very

metropolitan city of about 50,000 people. Watch the newspapers for the possible announcement of Anchorage as America's choice for the 1992 Olympic Winter Games.

Next stop was the capital city of Juneau, with a population of 7,000. The approach to Juneau is quite memorable, since it's the only state capital accessible only by air or water. No roads connect it with the rest of the world. It's totally surrounded by ice fields. Burr! Burr! While in Juneau, we visited the "Red Dog Saloon," the oldest saloon in the country, where the real gold miners used to carouse. The drink for us that morning was coffee.

Then on to Ketchikan, another seaport. Ketchikan proudly calls itself the "First City of Alaska," a nickname which refers to its geographical position as the first U.S. town along the Inside Passage. There we took a seaplane ride and flew high above the Misty Fjords National Monument. It was an awe-inspiring trip filled with wildlife, beautiful scenery and a very real sense of majesty. We landed on a lake and enjoyed its unspoiled surroundings and serenity.

Alaska is certainly a state for all to see. It has exotic furred and feathered wildlife in abundance, days of midnight sun and nights of northern lights, handsome modern cities and wilderness where no human has ever set foot. You could put the states of California, Texas and Montana within its borders. Alaska has 586,400 square miles, with a population of only 226,000. We could easily see why Alaska is referred to as "The Great Land."

Arlene Zittman



An Ideal Christmas Gift



Special gift items for transit fans are being offered for sale for the first time by the CTA Promotional Services section. CTA tokens attractively plated with jeweler's metal (gold in appearance) are the focal points of stick pins (not shown), tie tacks, tie bars, and cuff links. Current supply is limited, but all orders will be filled over a period of time.

Please use the order form below or a Xerox copy thereof. Payment must be made by check only, payable to "Chicago Transit Authority."

Mail your order form to: **TOKEN JEWELRY, CTA Promotional Services, Room 734, P.O. Box 3555, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654.**



Please allow a minimum of three (3) weeks for delivery. Your jewelry will be sent through the U.S. Postal Service to the address on your order form.

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Greetings



Christmas was a happier season for many Chicago area children, thanks to CTA employees at Archer garage who contributed to the 37th annual Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Ready to turn over toy donations to Santa's workshop are (from left) Linda Foster, Andy Gowin, Mickey Reeder, Ivory Lewis, Lorenzo Cervantes, Gloria Richmond, Johnnie Gomilla, Archer's Toys for Tots drive chairman, Geraldine

Taylor, project secretary, and Leon Henry. Gomilla, who spearheaded the drive to collect toys, said Archer employees also made financial contributions and are planning a food drive as a future activity. A Marine Corps spokesman said Chicago police and firemen helped repair broken toys in time for Santa's delivery to children.

CTA earns Distinguished Budget award



CTA Chairman **Walter Clark** (left) accepts the award for Distinguished Budget Presentation from **Girard Miller**, technical services director for the Government Finance Officers

Association of the United States and Canada, sponsors of the award. **Jud Lawrie**, manager, Budget, was also on hand for the award presentation.

The award for Distinguished Budget Presentation was presented to CTA at the November 5 meeting of the CTA Board. Accepting for the Authority was Chairman **Walter Clark**.

The award, sponsored by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting, and represents a significant accomplishment by CTA's budget staff which is headed by manager **Jud Lawrie**. The award was presented by GFOA technical services director **Girard Miller**.

As part of the award presentation, Lawrie said, "I want to thank the many people who played a major role in the 1986 budget, including the Board, for making what is frequently a difficult and chaotic process as rational, as orderly, and as civil as possible."

Lawrie said he especially appreciated the important effort of **Larry Pianto**, who stepped into the role of chief administrative officer at the beginning of the 1986 budget process.

Pianto spent many hours making difficult but necessary decisions. Lawrie also expressed special appreciation for the efforts of **Mike Brogan**, superintendent of Budget Development and Analysis, and **Nancy Nagel**, superintendent of Budget Planning and Systems.

Lawrie said others who made special contributions to the budget's preparation were budget coordinators **Emmet Gonder**, **Egidio Bevacqua**, and **Joan Johnson**, senior budget systems specialist **Jerry Henstreet**, and administrative assistant **Darlene Tribue**.

The budget manager also expressed his gratitude to the Publications Section of Public Affairs for assisting with the cover design, Administrative Services for helping get the document printed on time, and the datacenter, finance and the steno pool for the roles they played in the 1986 budget.

CTA and other governmental agencies submitted budget documents for review by a panel of independent budget experts. Reviewers evaluated

the effectiveness of the budget as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan, and a communications document. The document must be rated in all four categories in order to receive the GFOA award.

The award has been presented to only 190 organizations since its inception in 1984. CTA is one of only two public transit systems in the nation to receive the award. The Denver RTD is the other recipient.

CTA joins Cook County and the Metropolitan Sanitary District which also received the GFOA award. **Girard Miller**, GFOA's technical services director, said CTA's budget document is an excellent example of hard work by the budget staff and the CTA Board to publish an informative, concise document for public readership.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving 9,500 government finance professionals throughout North America. Over 4,000 governments participate actively in the association's activities.

NHTO holds reception for Ms Delgado at M&M

Natalia Delgado, appointed to the CTA Board September 24 by Mayor Harold Washington, was honored at a November 14 reception at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. The reception was sponsored by the National Hispanic Transit Organization (NHTO).

Ms. Delgado is the first Hispanic in the history of the CTA to be named to its board. The National Hispanic Transit Organization provided the impetus for the appointment of Ms. Delgado to the CTA Board by Mayor Washington. Among special guests attending the reception were 26th Ward Alderman Luis Gutierrez, and 22nd Ward Alderman Jesus Garcia. Hispanic community businessmen and members of CTA's management team were also present.

In his welcome remarks, NHTO President **Omar Colon** said, "We now have an opportunity to make a contribution to the Hispanic community. However, we must be careful not to mistake motion for progress. We need to accomplish meaningful representation through upward mobility to meaningful managerial positions



CTA Board Member Natalia Delgado is flanked by National Hispanic Transit Organization President Omar Colon, and Ms. Ruth LeBran, CTA Senior Internal Auditor and NHTO member, during reception at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club.

of professional Hispanics. We need to hire more qualified Hispanics to work for CTA, and open doors to Hispanic businessmen who can provide professional services to CTA." Colon is a CTA claims representative.

Both Aldermen Gutierrez and Garcia congratulated Ms. Delgado and expressed their appreciation to NHTO for its efforts, professionalism, and man-

ner of achieving its primary objective of a Hispanic board member.

Persons wishing to join the National Hispanic Transit Organization should contact Amy Figueroa, at extension 4911, or Omar Colon, extension 3227. Requests for information may also be forwarded to NHTO, Box 3372, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654.

Santa Bear Express

CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark** and Museum of Science & Industry Chairman **Dr. Victor Danilov** greet one of Santa's Elves on CTA's Santa Bear Express. Approximately 100 children, selected by the Department of Children and Family Services, rode two articulated buses to the Museum of Science & Industry on December 7, where they enjoyed lunch with Santa, and viewed the Christmas Around the World and Teddy Bear exhibits. CTA provided transportation and teddy bears for the children, while the Museum provided lunch and Omnimax Theatre tickets for future use. The joint promotion also highlighted the new Jeffery Express Sunday service, which makes it more convenient to visit the Museum and shop downtown.



Executive director moderator for COMTO symposium at UICC

CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** served as moderator of a symposium concerning the January 1, 1986, federally mandated Privatization Act. The symposium was held at the University of Illinois at Chicago on November 21.

The act is an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) directed program requiring all transit properties to turn over some aspect of service to the private sector.

The Privatization symposium, sponsored by the Conference on Minority Transit Officials (COMTO), brought together a cross section of CTA management, professionals, union leaders and entrepreneurs whose purpose was to consider the impact of privatization on the transit industry and its employees.

The symposium was organized by COMTO's Governmental Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of CTA Deputy Executive Director/Strategic Planning **Ernest Sawyer**. Sawyer said CTA must ultimately comply with the federal mandate.

As sponsors of the symposium, COMTO served as a catalyst for information. Among key concerns addressed was how privatization of governmental programs will affect urban cities and local communities. The question was addressed by Sharon G. Gilliam, budget director for the City of Chicago.

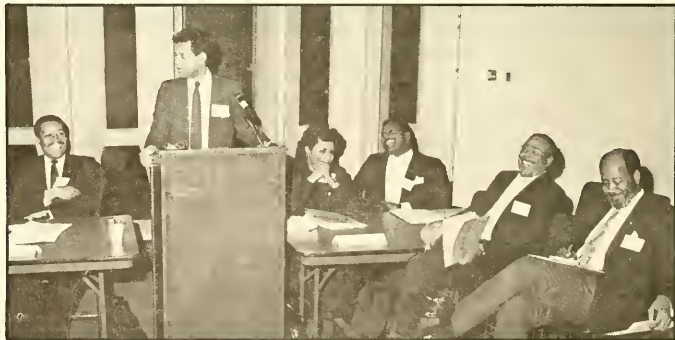
Daniel C. Lawson, president, Lawson National Distributing Company, discussed *The Private Vendor's Perspective on what Privatization will do for an Entrepreneur, and How Entrepreneurs not Doing Business with Transit may Benefit*.

Chicago bankers Hamilton Talbert of the First National Bank, and William Foster of Seaway National Bank were panelists who focused attention on the *Prospectives of Economic Benefits of Privatization as an Opportunity for the Entrepreneur*. Panel moderator was CTA Corporate Development Officer **John Davis**.

Discussing the subject of *Transit Officials' and Labor's Perspective on Privatization* were panelists **Edward Tobin**, manager, Materials Management; Deputy Executive Director/Operations **Harry Reddrick**;



CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** (at podium) was symposium moderator. The idea exchange brought management, professionals, union leaders, and entrepreneurs together to discuss the impact of the Privatization Act on public transportation, transit workers, and the business community.



Daniel C. Lawson, president, Lawson National Distributors, addresses the COMTO sponsored symposium on Privatization at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is joined by (from left) CTA Deputy Executive Director/Strategic Planning **Ernest Sawyer**, CTA Community Affairs Manager **Mrs. Betty B. Edwards**, president, COMTO, Chicago Metropolitan Area Chapter, and COMTO Region IV; **Robert Polk**, executive director, Detroit Department of Transit; **Elcosie Gresham**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241, and **Elwood Flowers**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 308. Lawson National Distributors, a minority vendor, is a distributor of buses, and has provided CTA service.

Elcosie Gresham, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241, and **Elwood Flowers**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 308. Serving as moderator was Ernest Sawyer.

Other CTA contributors to the symposium were: **Mrs. Betty B. Edwards**, president, COMTO, Chicago

Metropolitan Area Chapter, and president, COMTO Region IV; **Larry Murphy**, manager, CTA Affirmative Action; **Jud Lawrie**, budget director; and **Larry Pianto**, Deputy Executive Director/Administration. More than 100 people attended the day-long idea exchange, including some 60 CTA employees.

CTA honored in AdWheel competition

CTA's Promotional Services section of the Public Affairs department placed second and received an honorable mention for radio advertising in the American Public Transit Association (APTA) 1986 AdWheel competition.

The annual competition recognizes the importance of transit advertising and promotes the exchange of marketing ideas. The seventh annual AdWheel competition included 532 entries from 92 transit properties.

CTA's Promotional Services section, directed by **Terry Hocin**, submitted its 1986 "New Years Eve" jingle in the category for large-sized, or major transit systems, and received the second place award. The CTA "Take a Ride Today" jingle was also awarded an honorable mention in the same category.



James E. Reading (left), director of California's Santa Clara County Transportation Agency, joins APTA Chairman Warren Frank, and Anthony L. Grazioso (right), director, Public Information for the New Jersey Transit Corporation, in congratulating CTA's Terry Hocin (holding plaque) on taking a second place award as well as an honorable mention for radio advertising in the 1986 APTA AdWheel competition.

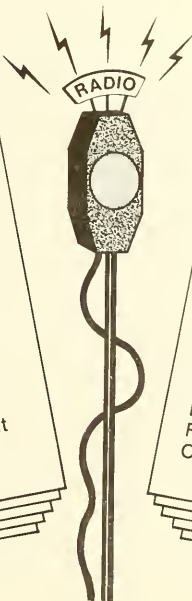
TAKE A RIDE TODAY

There's a way to get around
It's the quickest way in town
Just walk right down
To the corner. (CTA)

O'Hare to the Loop
Southside commuter routes
Take a ride today
Won't you ride the CTA.

Just jump on the bus with us
Hop on the train no fuss
The driving's up to us
Set yourself free.

You know the price is right
Convenience, out of sight
Ride morning, noon, or night
On the CTA.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

CTA's the one in town
That'll get you all around
Just walk right down
To the corner. (CTA)

O'Hare to the Loop
Southside commuter routes
Take a ride today
Won't you ride the CTA.

Just jump on the bus with us
Hop on the train no fuss
This one's a gonna be on us
So take a ride.

We're out for you alright
Don't drive on New Year's Night
Free Service that's out of sight
On the CTA.

Wilbert Conner (South Section) was the conductor on a Howard train ridden by Mark Iris, of Jerome Street. "South of Loyola, a disturbance began. Apparently, a young woman was being harassed by a man who followed her onto the train and may have been trying to take her tote bag. The conductor interceded, even though the trouble-maker was tall, husky and mean. The conductor saw to it that the man got off the train at Thorndale, and was prepared to summon the police if necessary. He acted coolly and calmly in a potentially dangerous situation to protect his passengers. He was most responsible."



David Gaston (North Park garage) was thanked by M. D. Stein, of Thorndale Avenue, for being alert and courteous as operator of a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "The bus was very crowded. In a loud and clear voice he informed the passengers there were pickpockets on board. I rode all the way to Thorndale, and along that whole route he was pleasant and courteous to everyone who got on and off. I am 76 years old, and ride the buses often in my volunteer activities. That driver is a caring human being. Many public employees are impersonal. It is gratifying to meet one who is not."

Irvin Perry (Archer garage) was praised by Dawn Maddock, of Hometown, in a letter that was signed by 74 other riders of a No. 162 Pulaski/Stevenson Express bus. "In the past year, our service from 81st and Pulaski has been reliable and commendable thanks to one man - Irvin Perry. He is prompt and has an attitude that makes it a pleasure to ride his bus. He not only realizes the need to keep an accurate schedule, but also to be considerate of his passengers. If some of the older workers on his early morning bus are running a bit tardy, he will wait. Thanks for a job well done."

Veronica Parker (North Section) was the ticket agent at Main Street whom Vera Stoehr, of Evanston, handed a \$10 bill to board the 'L' instead of a single. "About four hours later, when I was returning from downtown, I realized my mistake, and realized, too, that it was my fault. I had absolutely no proof of my mistake, but I decided to ask the agent anyway. To my most pleasant surprise, she answered that I was right. She said she couldn't catch me because I went by so fast, but here was my \$9. This was a very encouraging experience in the midst of a difficult day."



Andre Johnson (77th Street garage) provided "the most wonderful experience" on a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus ridden by Maude Muhammad, of Blackstone Avenue. "He was very courteous. He asked us to watch our step as we entered, and to move to the rear. Everyone on the bus seemed calm and relaxed, and appeared to enjoy the ride. His driving was superb. He asked everyone to hold on as he made each turn, and he always stayed within the speed limit. He was able to get through the rush hour traffic on Lake Shore Drive with no problem. He also seemed happy to give directions to anyone who asked."

Jean Cage (North Park garage) impressed Janis Kanter, of Arlington Place, with her handling of a No. 151 Sheridan bus. "Never can I recall a time when I have wanted to get on a bus, but riding with her was truly pleasant. She was safe and courteous. She helped a Polish woman who spoke no English get to her stop, and held the door open for elders, telling them to take their time, and pleasantly asking everybody to move to the back of the bus. I think all drivers could learn something from this woman. She obviously understands the meaning behind 'service.'"

Winston Junious (Archer garage) was appreciated by Cindy Giannone, of South Rockwell Street, for the way he operated a No. 62 Archer Express bus. "Not only was his appearance very nice, but he conducted himself like a gentleman, and was a very good driver. While he made very good time, he did not go over the speed limit, and when he used the brakes, he never set anyone who was standing off balance. Having a decent driver certainly helps."

William Torbie (North Section) was commended by Brother Christopher Lambert, who rode a Ravenswood train to the Loop church where he officiates. "I'm not familiar with the stops, so it was necessary for me to ask directions of the conductor. There were several other people also asking him for information, but he listened carefully to each request, and patiently gave each person clear and thorough directions. This kind and courteous treatment means so much when a person feels lost or confused on a fast-moving train. He does a commendable job of representing CTA to the public."

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Glen Adams, 77th Street
Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball
Nelson Alvarado, Forest Glen

Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Karonnese Banks, Howard/Kimball
Fitz Bariffe, Limits
Searcy Barnett, North Park
Charles Barr, Kedzie
Guido Barrera, North Park
Harvey Bey, Kedzie
Eugene Blackmon Jr., North Park
Susan Brasewicz, Archer
Bobby Brown, North Park
Earl Burress, 69th Street
Willie Burton Jr., Kedzie
Bobbie Byrd, North Avenue

Angel Cabrera, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Eric Carney, Limits
Glenn Carpenter, Forest Glen
Thomas Christian, Bus District D
Kevin Clancy, North Park
Melvin Collins, 77th Street
Eugene Cooper, 69th Street
Lawrence Craig, Relief Area-Bus
Ulysses Crockett, 69th Street

Edmund Daddazio, Forest Glen
Victor Davila, North Park
Irwin Davis, Howard/Kimball
Vincent Dawson, Limits
Richard Doeblar, North Park
Brian Dollar, North Park
Richard Dorsch, Forest Glen
David Driver, 77th Street
Melvin Dukes, North Avenue

Fernando Feliciano, Forest Glen
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Allan Frazier, Limits
Richard Frey, Forest Glen

Mary Gallagher, Agents West
Kris Gielniewski, Forest Glen
Jerome Gladney, Howard/Kimball
Edward Gonzalez, Archer
Juan Gonzalez, North Park
Jesus Gonzalez Jr., North Park
Harold Gordon, 77th Street
George Grafer, Forest Glen
Juan Gutierrez, North Avenue

Bertha Hall, Kedzie
Clois Harper, 69th Street
John Harper Jr., Archer
Helen Harris, 69th Street
Therese Hennessy, Forest Glen
Marlo Hodges, Beverly
Walter Holmes, Howard/Kimball
Mary Holt, Limits
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park

Henry Jakobi, North Park
Goldwyn James, 77th Street
Willie James, North Park
Joseph Johnson, Beverly
Manuel Johnson, Beverly
Robert Johnson, Archer
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
George Johnson, Limits
Jerry Johnson, Rail, North
Howard Jones, Archer
Katie Jones, Archer
Arthur Jordan, Kedzie

Louis Kelley, 77th Street
Robert Kremer, North Park

Paul Lane, Dougl/Congress
Clifford Last, Forest Glen
Robert Lay, Limits
Frederick Lee, 77th Street
Delia Lee, North Park
Robert Lewis, Kedzie
John Lewis, Dougl/Congress
Alfonzo Lucious, 69th Street

Joseph Mackin, North Park
Michael Maines, Forest Glen
William Mandeldove Jr., Forest Glen
Earnest Marsalis Jr., 69th Street
Adolph Marth, Forest Glen
Lura Martin, Kedzie
Robert Martinez, North Park
Angel Martinez, North Park
Joseph Maryland, Limits
John McBroom Jr., Dougl/Congress
Earnest McElwee Jr., Howard/Kimball
Randy McGhee, 77th Street
James McKenzie, 77th Street
Edward McSweeney, Howard/Kimball
Dearester Miller, Howard/Kimball
Mahlon Mims Jr., North Park
San Juana Montes de Oca,
Howard/Kimball
Louis Moore, Archer
Charla Morgan, 77th Street

Charles Nichols, Bus Dist. C
Walter Nowak, Dougl/Congress

Charles O'Connor, Bus, North

Drago Pancic, North Park
Gonzalo Paramo, North Park
Edna Parker, Agents North
Lonnie Perryman Jr., Archer
Robert Pittman, Kedzie
Ricky Plomin, Forest Glen
Reinhard Poetz, Forest Glen

Manuel Ramirez, North Park
Lovettia Randolph, North Park
Ivan Rodez, North Park
William Roman, Limits
Colin Romasanta, Forest Glen
Rafael Romero, Kedzie
Rudolph Ross, 69th Street
James Rubio, Archer
Yakup Sabanoff, North Park
Ismael Santos Jr., North Park
Joseph Scaletta, North Park
Melvin Sims, 77th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Jung Song, Forest Glen
Le Roy Starr, North Park
Frank Staszak, Beverly
Vytautas Stukelis, Archer

Catherine Taylor, Howard/Kimball
Sterling Tharp Jr., 77th Street
Brian Thomas, Archer
Robert Thomas, North Park
Mary Thrower, Jefferson Park

Robert Vanlysebettens, Forest Glen
Juan Velasquez, North Park
Joe Viel, Kedzie

Lonnie Walker, North Park
Robert Washington, 77th Street
Richard Wiley, North Park
Ruby Williams, 77th Street
William Williams, North Park
Jacqueline Williams, Limits
Elton Williams, Howard/Kimball
T. C. Williams, Rail Janitors
Quentin Wilmington Jr., North Park
Edna Wimberly, Agents West

Jacques Yezeguillian, Forest Glen
Bom Yi, Forest Glen
Willie Young, Limits

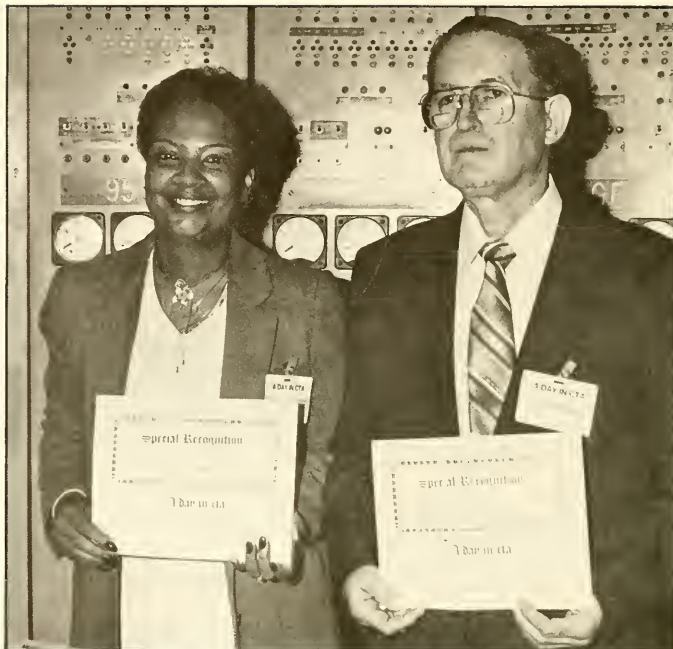
Honor four employees who foiled robbery, assault

Immediate reaction to crises and total disregard for their personal safety have been cited in four cases where CTA operating personnel were credited recently with rescuing riders or protecting CTA property believed to be in imminent danger.

Honored as "Day in CTA" guests for their extraordinary performance of duties were bus operators **Georgia Harris-Bennett**, North Park garage, and **Alan Fowler**, 77th Street garage, and ticket agents **Thomas Devaney**, Harlem avenue, and **David Maggette**, Ashland avenue.

Ms Harris-Bennett was leaving the service stop recently at Ogden and Central Park when a man jumped aboard her bus and urged her to "go-go" because he believed someone was trying to kill him. The operator proceeded but notified the control center to dispatch police to the scene. The man left the bus with the officers upon their arrival.

In a similar situation, operator **Alan Fowler's** bus was a haven for a woman believed to have already been assaulted when she boarded and hid between the seats. A man approached Fowler asking about the woman, but received a negative reply and police were also dispatched to the scene.



*Bus operator **Georgia Harris-Bennett**, North Park garage, and ticket agent **Thomas Devaney**, Harlem terminal, show*

off certificates of appreciation presented them as "Day in CTA" honorees.

A would-be holdup man was also foiled in his efforts when west bound ticket agent **Thomas Devaney** yelled across the platform to the east bound agent at the Pulaski/Lake rapid transit station. The man, surprised by the 28-year CTA veteran's response to his demand for all of the money, fled, and Devaney was credited with thwarting a holdup.

Meanwhile, Chicago Police Commander C.L. Dammis cited Ashland ticket agent **David Maggette** for heroism after Maggette, a CTA employee for 19 years, intervened when two men attempted to rob another one at his station. Police said Maggette grabbed one of the men and threw him against a wall as two officers arrived and made the arrest.

Out-of-towner commends bus operator

Dear Sirs:

I would like to commend an employee of yours who went out of his way to help me. On a recent trip to Chicago I was visiting some museums, and after a rather tiring day I had forgotten which bus to take. Not being familiar with the city, I felt quite helpless.

I approached the next bus nearing my location, and luckily, the driver, **Phillip Gary, Jr.**, of 69th Street Garage, was extremely knowledgeable and cordial. In what seemed like no time at all, I was at my destination.

This may not seem like much to some people, but to an out-of-town traveler not familiar with either the city or its transit routes, this driver helped make both my day and vacation.

Again, thank your driver, and thanks to the Chicago Transit Authority for hiring such outstanding individuals.

Paul C. Dombrowsky
Harbor City, California

CTA nurse has variety of foreign currency



These one pound notes are among the many samples of currency from foreign countries collected by Erlinda Lapid, RN, which she displays in this large album.



Nurse Lapid shares her foreign currency collection representing more than 35 countries with Facilities Engineering and Maintenance stenographer Jeannie Lana.

When CTA nurse **Erlinda Lapid's** grandparents gave her several pieces of Philippine currency which had been used when Japan governed the island nation, it was the beginning of a lifetime hobby for her--collecting international currency.

Later, Lapid's uncle, a merchant sea captain, would give her foreign currency from his trips abroad, adding to her growing collection of money. "I was just a teenager when I got the Japanese government notes, which of course, were no longer of any monetary value," said Linda, who has been a member of CTA's Medical department since 1979.

As her interest in foreign currency developed she pursued the pastime which is still a very interesting hobby. On occasion, it has inspired some of the most interesting questions from her son and four daughters, and their friends.

Her hobby is now more than just

collecting currency, but a study of history as well. Questions on the origin of some currency, as well as the history of the designs engraved on money of various nations, created an interest in history, which was not a particularly favorite subject for Linda as a youth, she admits.

"Of course we still don't know how some societies make monetary exchange; perhaps they still use shells, for all we know," said Linda.

Except for the sentiment attached, her collection of currency from 35 nations has no value. Nevertheless, she keeps it in a bank vault. Much of the currency she has accumulated has taken a very long time, and would be difficult or impossible to replace, so it isn't treated as one does a photo album.

Her collection spans the gamut from east to west with samples from Japan, China, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Much of the currency was acquired

through hobby shops and friends visiting abroad. "I stopped off in Japan myself just to get the Japanese yen," she pointed out. She also traveled to Europe where she visited nine countries and accumulated more samples for her collection. Friends who live in Australia and India were her sources for the Australian dollar and the Indian rupee which she also added to the collection of money from abroad.

Frequent visits to her native Philippines have also meant bringing back more Filipino currency which has changed over the years "as the government has changed," she said.

Noting that Thanksgiving Day has a very special significance to her and her family, Lapid said she first touched American soil on Thanksgiving Day, 1967. Her collection of currency, however, is a hobby which she started long before she embraced these shores.

Training programs to accommodate all areas of CTA operations are gradually being developed by the Management and Professional Development section of Operations Training/Instruction.

Currently, programs for Operations Division management and professional employees are conducted for seven different superintendent classifications. These include the rail, bus, and agent service superintendents, bus and rail personnel superintendents, and assistant superintendents for bus and rail instruction. Programs conducted for the professional classifications include bus, rail, and agent controller.

The Management and Professional Development section is also responsible for developing and updating management systems and procedures. Transit professional trainees and newly hired CTA investigators for police liaison are among those people outside the Operations Division who have benefited from Operations Training/Instruction Development programs.

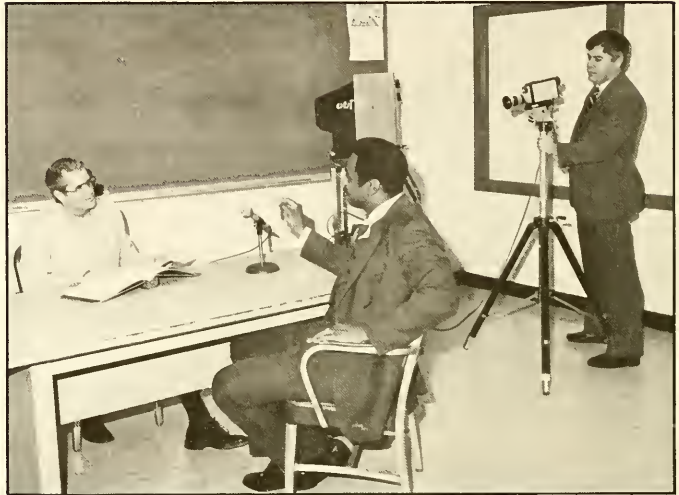
The ever increasing training needs for other management and professional employees of CTA, coupled with Operations Division experience in conducting training programs, are expanding the Management and Professional Development section's responsibilities to include any CTA department seeking such training. In other words, no longer will personnel in M&P Development be solely concerned with the training of Operations employees.

A three-week management theory and skills orientation program now being conducted is being made available to CTA management and professional personnel-at-large.

This program emphasizes qualities of leadership, performance assessment, communication theory and skills techniques, modules on motivating subordinates, interpersonal relations, problem solving and decision making.

The multi-faceted approach to training by M&P Development staff runs the gamut of procedures from formal classroom lectures to role playing and independent study. Time honored workbook exercises and group tasks, as well as residential experts are also

M&P Development Operations Division training programs extended to all areas



John Perkins (left) assumes the role of a candidate for assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction as he simulates a corrective action interview with Arthur Bennett, assistant superintendent of CTA's Training Center at Limits. Recording the interview for video playback and review is Michael McGovern, superintendent, Personnel Development.

available to give trainees the full benefits of a well rounded management and professional development program.

During role playing exercises, a video camera records activities as trainees assume the role of superintendent in a variety of problem situations which may require management's attention. Trainers assume the subordinate's role while the trainee works out the problem and arrives at a solution.

"It's interesting to see how much the trainees change their approach to a given problem, or even the method of problem solving in the course of two or three weeks," said **William Thompson**, director, Management and Professional Development. "As we are able to go back and review the videotape with them, and counsel and advise on the correct techniques to use in a given situation, we are able to see their development, and it's very gratifying," said Thompson.

The M&P Development program also draws on the expertise of professionals from such CTA departments as Labor Relations, Personnel, Claims/Law, Employee Assistance, and various sections within the Operations Division who share their expertise and conduct question and answer sessions.

The ideal class size is six trainees, but no less than four, or more than eight. Training is usually conducted five days a week for three weeks. **Michael McGovern**, personnel development superintendent in the Management and Professional Development section, said a needs analysis is conducted before training begins to ensure that a program is tailored to fit the needs of the particular management or professional group receiving the training.

The Management and Professional Development section is part of Operations Training/Instruction headed by Manager **Elonzo Hill**.



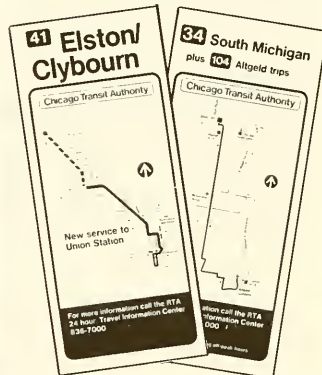
Public Safety awards

Congress terminal's public safety record surpassed all other CTA facilities in the third quarter of 1986 as it was awarded the Interstation Safety plaque for the 25th time, an all time record in the history of the Public Safety awards program which was established in 1961. Accepting the plaque on behalf of the terminal (above) were two of its assistant superintendents, Roosevelt Cory (left), and Carl White (second from right). Making the presentation is Safety

Manager Tom Boyle. Alex Johnson (right), manager, Transportation Personnel, was there to congratulate Congress personnel for the outstanding safety record. Below: Boyle makes the first place award presentation to Forest Glen garage Superintendent Hugh Masterson (left). Alex Johnson was also available to congratulate the Forest Glen team for their outstanding performance.



Timetables now available for riders



Timetables for 10 CTA bus routes and the Skokie Swift are now available for public distribution, it was announced by **Dave Phillips**, superintendent, Service Planning, Operations Planning Department.

The available schedules are: **7** -Harrison, **17/303/310** -Madison/Westchester, **25/304/322** - West Cermak, **28** -Stony Island-Olive Harvey Trips (with #106), **30** -South Chicago, **31** - 31 Street, **34** -Michigan Avenue (Incl. #104 Altgeld Trips), **41** -Elston/Clybourn, **43** -43rd, **49A/349** - South Western, **52A** -South Kedzie, **53A** - South Pulaski, **54a** - No. Cicero/Skokie Blvd., **57** -Laramie, **59** - 59-61st, **62** - Archer-Clearing Ind. Dist. Trips Only, **73** -Armitage, **74** - Fullerton, **86** -Naragansett, **89** - North Kedzie, **92W** -West Foster, **97** -Skokie (Incl. Skokie Swift) **100** - Jeffery Manor, **103** - West 103rd, **104** - Pullman, **106** - 103rd/106th, **108** - South Halsted/95th, **131** - Washington, **162** - South Pulaski Exp. (With #53A), **164** - Narragansett Express, **201** - Central/Sherman, **202** - Main/Emerson, **203** - Ridge/Grant, **204** - Dodge.

Each timetable includes a map of the route, names of stops along the route and departure and arrival times. Schedules are listed separately for weekdays, weekends and holidays. Quantities are limited.

Copies of schedules for distribution to riders are available from garage and terminal clerks, and from the Schedules section in the Merchandise Mart.

ZAP is **safety help mate**

Keeping CTA rolling stock in operating condition is the mission of maintenance personnel, whose safety consciousness is no less an issue than it is with operating personnel moving vehicles over Chicago streets in revenue service.

Safety statistics continually prove that people who fail to observe safety rules and remain alert to danger are likely to become a safety statistic. However, the safety consciousness of maintenance crews in every CTA facility is ever vigilant, and, since the mid '70s, the safety awareness of maintenance personnel has been measured via ZAP---CTA's Zero Accident Program.

ZAP has helped to make safety awareness a big part of the maintenance daily diet. The program capitalizes on the enthusiasm of the competitive spirit, and emphasizes and instills in its participants the importance of being safety conscious.

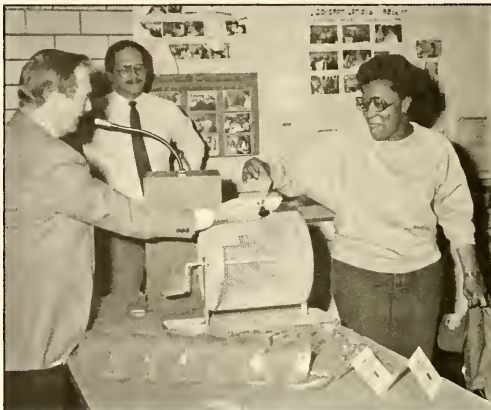
The proper use and storage of tools, the wearing of safety apparel such as goggles, bump hats, safety shoes, gloves where necessary, and the use of other safety appurtenances has become second nature to CTA repair and other shop personnel.

At the end of each quarter Maintenance Safety Supervisor **Jim Dudley** and his team of safety specialists review records and compile data to determine which maintenance location has earned maintenance safety recognition. First and second place certificates are then awarded based on the fewest number of injuries per man hours.

The first place certificate always means coffee and rolls for the honorees, and the opportunity for door prizes which are awarded in a random drawing. A special highlight is always the catered luncheon which is served to maintenance personnel on all shifts at locations which have remained accident-free for a minimum of six months, or have had the lowest accident frequency rate. This luncheon is awarded twice each year---the periods ending June 30 and December 31.

As the third quarter of 1986 closed, crews at five maintenance facilities were treated to coffee and rolls, and collected jackets, caps, and other prizes as their reward for earning a first place ZAP safety certificate. The honored locations were Beverly garage; DesPlaines, Kimball, 61st/Racine, and 98th terminals.

*Desplaines foreman **Joe Labellarte** (left), and unit supervisor **Larry Monaghan** display the first place ZAP certificate presented by safety supervisor **James Dudley** (coat and tie) as members of the terminal's day crew assemble for the recognition.*



*Combination Clerk **Dorothy Ballard**, 98th terminal, randomly selects another lucky winner after collecting a cap and jacket door prize at the terminal's ZAP recognition. Conducting the drawing is Safety Supervisor **Jim Dudley**, assisted by Safety Specialist **William Kostner**.*



***Terry Muellner** (left), superintendent, Bus Maintenance garages/south, presents the coveted first place ZAP certificate to day foreman **James O'Brien**. Other members of the Beverly maintenance crew are seated in the background.*





Don Falborski, Kimball day foreman, holds a first place ZAP certificate amid his maintenance crew. The assembly also includes Safety Specialist Ron Benshish, and Rail Maintenance Director Jack Hruby (left/right respectively) behind Falborski; Safety Supervisor Jim Dudley, and Deputy Executive Director George Millonas, Engineering and Maintenance (left), and (rearright) Quality Control Supervisor Betty Richman.



Richard Lorimer, superintendent, Rail Maintenance, is flanked by 61st/Racine assistant day foreman Bob Basden (left), and day foreman Cortelius (Cisco) Williams. Lorimer and Williams are displaying the first place ZAP certificates for the two south side terminals.

Contribute \$120 to widow's fund

Nineteen CTA Schedule department employees pooled donations to contribute \$120 to a fund to repurchase the home of a 96-year old West Side widow.

The home was sold at a scavenger auction for \$11,000 after the elderly woman was unable to pay overdue real estate taxes.

Schedule department employees donating to the fund were: **Charles Barbee, Paul Daniels, John Dorsey,**

Wendy Evans, George Griffin, Homer Harris, Michael Johnson, Theus Judkins, Joe Milbrook, Charles Myers, Alton Norris, Ronald Peel, Earnest Phelps, Marron Robinson, James Terry, Ed Tinsley, Napoleon Turner, George West, and Doris Wilson.

The drive to regain the widow's home was sponsored by the Chicago Daily Defender newspaper, and WMAQ Radio.

Back-to-schoolers offered financial assistance

CTA's tuition aid plan permits full-time permanent employees to continue their education and receive financial assistance through reimbursement of funds for educational expenses.

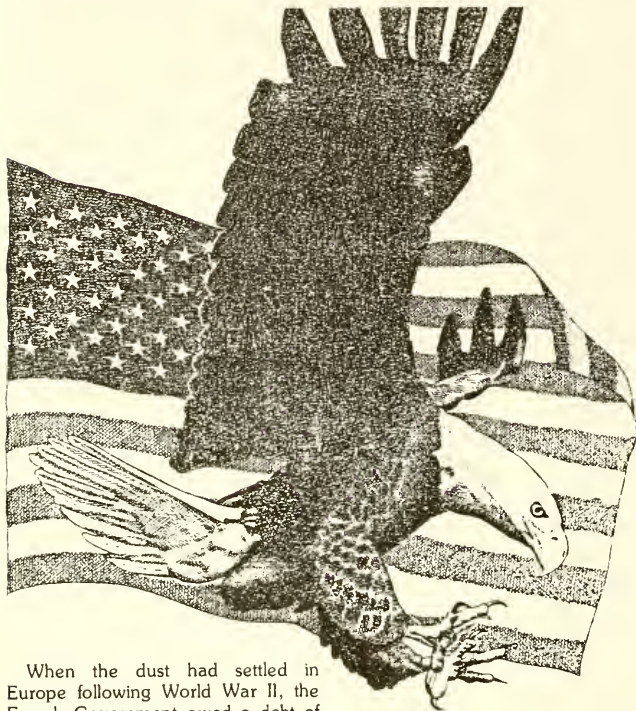
To qualify, an individual must have

been a CTA employee for at least 90 days and be enrolled at an approved college, university, or other educational institution.

Family members, part-time, and temporary employees are not eligible for the tuition aid program. Interested

employees should submit a tuition aid application, CTA form 9783, to their immediate supervisor. Participants must also submit grades and tuition receipts at the end of each course.

Medal stirs memories for World War II vet



When the dust had settled in Europe following World War II, the French Government owed a debt of gratitude to many American infantrymen and other war veterans. More than 40 years later a Chicagoan who helped to liberate France from the Germans in that war has finally been recognized for his service on French soil.

Among recent recipients of the "Medaille De La France Liberee" (the Medal of the Liberated France) is CTA's Alex Johnson, manager of Transportation Personnel. Johnson, who was an infantryman with the 70th Division, fought in France from December 10, 1944 to March 1, 1945. "Our division took part in difficult fighting in the Vosges Mountains of Alsace/Lorraine to stop the German attack, Operation Nordwind. We were part of the Battle of the Bulge," said Johnson.

The Medal of the Liberated France is a decoration which was established by the French Government on September 12, 1947, and awarded to U.S. military veterans until April

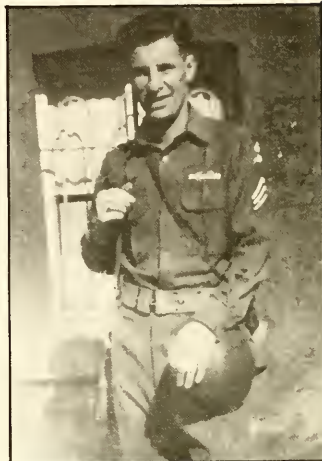
1957, when it was discontinued. Until June 1, 1955, only 550 medals had been awarded to Allied military.

The decoration recently became available again from the French Government to other members of the Allied forces who fought in France between September 3, 1939 and August 20, 1945 with service either in Metropolitan France, the French Union, or the French Mandates.

Johnson learned of the award and his eligibility through the 70th Infantry Division Veterans Association which he serves as chaplain.

The medal is round and has a surface which measures 1-3/8 inches in diameter (U.S. medals are 1 1/4 inches in diameter). It is attached to a ball joint which is also attached to a ring holding the drape, or ribbon.

The main surface of the medal is engraved with a map of France in its center and has the year 1944 centered across. Designer A. Rivaud's name



Taking a respite from the war in this mid-1940s scene in a French village is Sergeant Alex Johnson, then an infantryman with the 70th Division. Now retiring as manager of Transportation Personnel, he has been with CTA since 1946.

appears beneath the map left of center. Around the perimeter there is a chain broken in two places with star-type explosions symbolizing the invasions of Normandy and Southern France (Cannes-Toulon).

The reverse has the coat of arms of the French Republic in the center. The drape of the medal has very intricate stitching and has the same rainbow colors as the U.S. World War I Victory Medal of 1918.

Recently, Alex Johnson and other veterans of World War II returned to the old battlefields of France where they visited some American cemeteries as well as the villages where they fought more than 40 years ago.

"The French people were very hospitable and arranged a reception for us," said Johnson. "We also visited with some of the people who were in the village during the fighting, and we met some former German soldiers who had also been in the same village."

"Looking back over those years we realize that war was a terrifying experience. Although I'm proud of the part I played in the war, I would not want to go through it again," Johnson said.



EMPLOYEE SAFETY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Bus system Employee Safety Performance Program (ESPP) team leaders held a reorganization meeting at the Limits Operations Training Center following the recent 1986 biannual system pick. ESPP, now in its fourth year, fosters safe operating practices, and

encourages the active participation of all operating personnel. The program is the primary avenue for promoting communications between operating personnel and management.



BUS SERVICE SUPERVISOR GRADUATES

Bus service supervisor graduates display certificates of course completion following a graduation program in the CTA Board room. The 57 graduates, who now enter a supervisor pool, earned their certificates following 12 weeks of training. To show their appreciation for the training they received, the class presented the

Limits Training Center with a plaque which listed the names of each class member; their instructors, Sam Johnson, and Joe Valtierra; training center superintendent Norman Herron, and Assistant Superintendent Arthur Bennett.

Walter Labedz

Special interest haunts are his reasons for retiring

When architectural designer **Walter Labedz** of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance retired October 31 after 11 years with CTA, it was because he wanted to pursue his special interests at his own pace, and not just wait for the weekends.

Labedz is a golfer, a photo bug, and a radio model airplane hobbyist, all pursuits which will amply engage his time. "I'm not sitting in any rocking chair," said Labedz, as he talked about plans to spend some time in his home darkroom doing mostly black and white creativity. Labedz said photography is an interest that peaked when one of his four sons became interested in the subject.

His interest in radio model airplanes dates back to his youth. "I've always had an interest in aviation for as long as I can remember," he said. At one time in his life Labedz was a licensed private pilot, and, during World War II, he was a crewman aboard a B-17 bomber and flew 35 combat missions as a waist gunner and radio operator.

Were there ever any hairy moments during combat? You bet there were! Labedz had the dubious distinction of nearly having his aircraft shot from beneath him and his fellow crew members on one mission. "We didn't make it back to our base in England," he recalled. "We were forced to land in France."

A highlight of the war years which Labedz likes to share is an August 1944 mission over the Black Forest in southwestern Germany, when his B-17 crew dropped supplies to the Polish Underground which had taken up positions there.

"On the way back (to England), we bombed the marshalling (railroad staging) yards as we flew over Budapest, Hungary. Following this important mission Labedz' unit, "The Bloody 100," documented as one of the most notorious U.S. Army-Air Force groups based in World War II England, received the Presidential Unit citation. For his combat service, Labedz was awarded the Air Medal with five



Walter and Genevieve Labedz strike a pose with Chris Kalogeras (right), director, Architectural Design, as Labedz, who joined CTA in 1975, plans his retirement.

oak leaf clusters, the equivalent of six Air Medals.

A most recent highlight reminiscent of the war years was a reunion with four members of his old B-17 crew. "It was interesting to compare notes and see how we have all gotten along over the years," Labedz commented. He said three of his wartime buddies attending the reunion are also retired.

When Walter Labedz is not tinkering with his radio model airplanes, or dabbling in photography, either in the darkroom, or behind the camera, you can be sure he'll be on a golf course somewhere. If the weather doesn't permit him to play a round or two of golf, he has an extensive home library just suited to the avid reader who long ago learned that books are indeed good friends to the inquiring mind. "I enjoy reading autobiographical books," he said.

Labedz and his wife Genevieve plan to continue living in their southwest side home and enjoying the pursuits of leisure at their very own pace.



Kathy Walsh, revenue balance clerk, and John Cannon, retired operations accounting director, entertain with an Irish duet during recent retirement festivities for Mrs. Walsh at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. Mrs. Walsh retired after 25 years of CTA service, and plans to live in Ireland. Approximately 60 of her friends, family, and co-workers attended the farewell party where she was presented a diamond pendant.

Expect pension ID issuance late

Identification cards for CTA retirees, due to expire in December, will be honored until new cards are issued. A Pension department spokesman said the issuance of new cards is expected to be delayed through April 1987, thus, current ID cards will be accepted for all CTA transportation.

Retirees will be notified when new identification cards are to be issued, the announcement said.

Retirement: *it's sooner than you think*

It's arguably the most stressful time in life. It's not adolescence. It's not looking for that first job. It's not getting married. It's not even living with your teenagers.

Retirement -- when your whole way of life changes virtually overnight -- can be traumatic for people who have not planned for it. Abrupt changes of any kind can cause tension. By preparing for retirement, older people can enjoy a smooth transition rather than suffer from the suddenness. If you or your parents are about five years from retiring, the National Safety Council suggests that you start planning now.

What you do with your time obviously will change, and your physical environment may change, too, if you decide to move into a new home. Even if you stay in your present home, you'll need to make some changes to keep it safe as you get older. At this stage of your life, health is more important than ever, so you may need to make some lifestyle changes to compensate for the effects of aging. Now, while retirement is still several years away, is the time to make those necessary adjustments.

If you start making the changes now, you won't have to think about them later. Besides, you'll be a little older when you retire and jobs that are easy now might be a little more difficult then.

Here are some tips for a safer home:

- Install handrails on both sides of stairways that have two or more steps -- indoors and outdoors.
- Tack down carpet edges and throw rugs or anchor them with double-sided tape.
- Keep sturdy step stools wherever reaching is necessary.
- Increase the wattage of your light bulbs if you need more light, but never exceed the fixture's recommended wattage.
- Install sturdy metal grab bars in tubs and showers. Non-skid mats or abrasive strips are also recommended for the tub bottom and shower floor.
- Replace separate faucets in tubs and showers with mixing faucets.
- Rearrange furniture to open paths through rooms and eliminate tripping hazards.
- Extend electrical service to your garage and install lights and outlets.
- Install a light-duty hoist in the garage to help lift heavy loads out of car trunks.

Age may slow you down, but it doesn't have to stop you. Healthy habits are more important as you get older, and that means a sensible diet and exercise. If you're overweight, start shedding those pounds now, don't put it off until your retirement is official. Consult a physician before you start any exercise routine or change your eating habits -- moderation and common sense are the keys to a healthy lifestyle.

Choose an activity that you enjoy so that you'll stick with it. Fitness and endurance come from exercises that use a variety of the major muscle groups and can be maintained continuously for about 30 minutes. These aerobic exercises including walking, running, bicycling, rowing and swimming. If you haven't exercised in a long time, be patient and, once you've been examined by your doctor, start your exercise program gradually. As your fitness level improves, you may be able to get involved in a wider range of physical activities.

Exercise can keep you flexible, strengthen your heart and lungs, and give you the stamina to fight illness. You also may feel less tense, sleep better, and improve your appearance with regular exercise. When starting a new fitness program, it's a good idea to involve friends in your exercise because support and encouragement can keep you motivated.

You may like to socialize when you exercise or you may like to do it on your own as part of a routine. There are some dangers to exercising alone, however, especially if you've had health problems in the past. You may want to consider working out with a friend for safety.

Just as you have all of your working life, set goals. The amount of weight you want to lose, the number of miles you walk, the number of laps you swim -- establish realistic goals and chart your progress and move closer to each one. Don't wait to get in shape -- set those goals now.

By thinking about retirement now, you can be ready to enjoy the change right from the start.

Your Social Security

Question: Will the size of my company pension have any effect on the amount of my Social Security benefit when I retire?

Answer: No. Private pensions and annuities do not count as earnings for Social Security purposes.

Question: Could you define earnings for purposes of the Social Security retirement test?

Answer: For Social Security purposes, earnings consist of gross wages or net income from self-employment. Wages include bonuses, commissions, fees, vacation pay, pay in lieu of vacations, cash tips of more than \$20.00 per month, and severance pay.

Question: I have heard that Social Security benefits are now subject to income taxes. Is this true?

Answer: Yes. Under a new law that became effective in 1984, people who have substantial income from other sources may have up to one-half of their Social Security benefits subject to income taxes. If your adjusted gross income for Federal tax purposes, plus nontaxable interest income, plus one-half of your Social Security benefits exceeds the base amount of \$25,000.00 for an individual or \$32,000.00 for a couple, one-half of your benefits may be taxable. Complete information can be found in Internal Revenue Service Publication 915.



Bus Maintenance director Terrance McGuigan dies

Terrance McGuigan, 42, director, Bus Maintenance, died at his home Oct. 26.

McGuigan joined CTA in 1962 as a bus cleaner and was promoted through various positions until he attained the director position in 1984.

He represented CTA at several AP-ATA seminars as well as the Urban Mass Transportation Association's management seminar. He also attended the bus maintenance productivity workshop at Cleveland, Ohio and was available to address local business groups on the problems of graffiti.

He assisted in the implementation of the computerized maintenance system for both bus and rail. McGuigan is survived by his wife, Kay, a daughter, Jeannie, and a son, Johnny.

Former CTA board member Edward F. Brabec dies

Edward F. Brabec, 55, former CTA Board Vice Chairman, died November 18 in his southwest side home after a long illness.

Mr. Brabec, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was appointed to the CTA Board in 1975 by the late Mayor Richard J. Daley, and served until 1979.

He was also a board member of Metra, the commuter rail subsidiary of the Regional Transportation Authority, and had been an RTA board member.

He is survived by his wife, Peg; two sons, Tom and Jack, and four daughters, Carol Weszely, Marge, and twins Cathie, of the CTA Operations Division, and Connie, of CTA Materials Management. He is also survived by his mother, Sara and two grandchildren.



Labor Relations' Diane Rockymore dies suddenly

Funeral services for CTA Labor Relations department secretary **Diane Rockymore** were held Tuesday, Nov. 25 in Chicago.

Ms. Rockymore, 44, died suddenly at her South Shore home on Nov. 19. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O'Quinn Demery, three brothers, O'Quinn, Jr., Wayne, and Cecil Demery, a sister, Evelyn J. Demery, and two aunts, Mrs. Essie Jackson, and Mrs. Erma Baugus.

Ms. Rockymore attended Cortez Peters Business College and joined CTA as a secretary in Forms Management on Oct. 18, 1981. She joined CTA's Labor Relations department on Sept. 16, 1984, following brief stints in Strategic Planning, and the Chairman's office.

Louis Klauser

Oldest retiree dies, had 40 years of pension benefits

Louis F. Klauser, 105, CTA's oldest retiree, died October 21 at Fairview Health Care Center in LaGrange Park after a brief illness.

A resident of Westchester upon his death, the native Austrian was living on Chicago's Northwest side when he retired in 1946 and became a regular fisherman at Belmont Harbor.

Mr. Klauser joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a conductor on September 14, 1907, one week before his 26th

birthday. His entire transit career was devoted to the city's west side routes.

Five years before his retirement on October 1, 1946, Klauser was promoted to flagman. According to CTA records, he enjoyed CTA pension benefits for 40 years, one year longer than he had worked.

He is survived by a sister, three daughters, a son, 15 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

North Section

Millie and Leo Stern are very proud of their son, Steven, who recently graduated from John Marshall Law School. Millie is a ticket agent and Leo is a North Park bus operator...It has come to my attention that some of you North Section people are leading dull, boring lives. Please, don't let this stop you from becoming an item in "Inside News." Just give me an o.k. and I will be happy to invent an outrageous story about you...This



little beauty is Miss **Jada Frances-Aileen**. She was born October 9, to **Janann Ransom**, ticket agent, and her husband, **Sam**. Jada Frances-Aileen weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces at birth...The many friends of **Carmello Oliveras** will be happy to know that he is very well, and not the same "Cary" Oliveras, recently deceased. Carmello resigned his position as ticket agent several months ago, and is operating his own business. It is called "Appraisal Concepts." For all of you out there, in need of real estate appraisal, remember to call Oliveras Ltd. Good luck, Carmello!

Josephine Anderson

Skokie Shop

A hearty welcome back to **Mort Owrutsky**, electrical worker, motor line, who is back after a lengthy absence due to an off-duty injury...Condolences to **Lawrence Walker**, electrical worker, electrical rebuild, in the loss of his father-in-law, **Hiawatha Grady**, and to retiree **Jack Russ** of the truck shop in the passing of his wife, **Marian**...Congratulations are in order here at Skokie: to **Terry Bernero** and **Diego Droira** for competing in Chicago's Marathon--and finishing(!); to **Mike Deitch**, belatedly, on the birth of his son, **Patrick**. Thanks for the cigars, Mike!; to **Lev Belinkov** and **Herman Lipkin**, our newest taxpayers--both were sworn in as American citizens recently. Welcome aboard, Guys!; and to **Harriette Ibrahim** for having a picture of her horse **Jeremiah**, featured in a national magazine.

Greg Winski

Service anniversaries in November

40 Years

Wallace Clemens, Subs. Mtc.
James Stewart, Engineering

35 Years

Walter Droben, Elec. Dist.
Howard Goerner, Conv. & Diff.
Charles Olcik, Claims
Herman Swoope, Harlem Mtc.
Joseph Wharton, 77th Street

30 Years

Postoria Aguirre Jr., Kedzie
Travis Bishop, Ashland
William Bragg, 69th Street
James Brandon, Subs. Mtc.
Harry Brown, South Section
Tommie Conley, Rail System
Ralph Fields, Subs. Mtc.
Joe Hull, Paint Shop
Joseph Jamison, Ashland
Heinrich Laurich, Elec. Dist.
Joseph Scott, Conv. & Diff.
William Smith, 77th Street

(October)

Charles Conner, Sr., Power & Way

25 Years

James Alex, Crim. & Traff. Law
Robert Appelquist, Mech. Maint.
Burton Bockel, Beverly
Rudolph Goode, South Shops
Hans-Dieter Gruenert, Budget & Adm.
Virginia Harter, Budget & Adm.
James Jones, 69th Street
Arthur Mathews, North Avenue
James O'Toole, Desplaines
James Pankonen, Eng./Mtc. Prog. Dvlp.
Roy Rodgers, Archer
George Smith Jr., Forest Park
Eugene Sparks Jr., Howard/Kimball
Joseph Urbaszewski, Des. Development
Edward Valergle, Archer
Steven Wickert, Equip. Tech. Svcs.
Mathew Williams, Ashland

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

Transit News Issue

Inside News Deadline

March-April, 1987.....	March 27, 1987
May-June, 1987.....	May 22, 1987
July-August, 1987.....	July 24, 1987
September-October, 1987.....	September 26, 1987
November-December, 1987.....	November 20, 1987

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

North Park

What an election! Voter response to candidates running for team leaders here at North Park was so enthusiastic it resulted in a second vote being taken. Operator **Daniel Joseph** emerged to win as team leader #3's representative. Helping bring about all this election interest were the following members of the North Park Instruction Department: **G. Zajac, P. Espinoza, H. White and P. Januszewski**. To pick up all future team awards you want to check with your team leader so here they are in team sequence: **1. M. Cobleigh; 2. M. Morales; 3. D. Joseph; 4. R. Richardson; 5. G. Garcia; 6. L. Richardson; 7. J. Rivera; 8. L. Jones; 9. A. Aviles; 10. R. Devitt; 11. E. Timko; 12. D. Gaston**...Pictured in the accompanying photo are instructors **S. Poustinchian** and **G. Zajac** refreshing North Park operators on the safe operation of CTA's newest series bus...With nearly 12 years service behind him, **Kari Kareem** leaves CTA to pursue other interests. S'long, friend...Relief janitor **George Rivera** mentions his appreciation for your kindnesses during the loss of his son, **Nelson**...Just in case you're wondering, A.M. clerk **Lynn Wilkerson** transferred to Forest Glen recently. Lynn had been here at North Park since 1978, so say hi next time you're at the Glen...Our Hero! **Bob Khavari** was working on Sheridan Road when a youngster suddenly ran directly in front of his bus from between parked cars. An observant passenger aboard his bus sent in a commendation noting that "the driver's split-second reaction saved the child's life." Describing the incident in this photo, Mr. Khavari is pictured with other North Park employees...\$Payday, that's about the last time we saw supervisor **Mike Kozlowski**, and he was on a pair of crutches then. Get well soon, Mike...A prominent photographer, **Chester Harris**, talks of his newborn granddaughter, **Glynis**, and has no pictures of her? Are you in for it now, Chester!..Your reporter was searching for news at Archer garage when we met the competition, **Ms. Ollie Hoskins**, that station's reporter, whose smile certainly brightened an otherwise cold and cloudy Tuesday...Add **Otto Brand's** name



to those individuals who spoke of additions to the family tree and promises to bring a picture. Otto's sister, **Bertha Moreno**, had a 7 pound, 14 ounce daughter and we assume the baby's name will come with a picture...Twins, you say? No, it's just that clerk **Bob Vazquez** hands out your transfers when you check for your run, as well as a check when he works in the credit union...**Al Lowery**, our janitor, spent a week of vacation visiting his parents in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Lowery's son, **Al Jr.**, is a vice president of a Pine Bluff bank...Operator **Peter Williamson** and no. 4 clerk **Wayne Reddrick** have returned from vacationing. Peter pointed his car towards the Florida Disneyland for two weeks, while clerk

Reddrick combined flying and driving to reach the Northern California coastal area and enjoyed its sights...Free football game action! Just ask team manager **Leonard Sims** or coach **Robert Cook** for both game dates and starting time to watch North Park's 'B's football team run over their opposition...Rail supervisor **Dave Curley** uses St. Patrick's Day as an easy-to-remember date to mark an additional year of seniority with CTA, or did he say it helps him remember being married 12 years...Better be nice to **James Gardner**, Kimball, 'cause **Ophelia Ellis** just gave him a watch-dog. Uh-oh, in this case, make that a watch-puppy, 'cause it's a mixed poodle-pomeranian. Small woof-woof?...**Larry** and **Michelle Shelton**

will be looking for Pampers again the next time they go shopping. Michelle's expecting an addition to their household, so Larry Jr. will have a brother or will it be a sister?..Recent retiree **Willard Friebe** couldn't resist coming back. He was seen having a conversation with operators **Rosemary** and **Lonnie Walker** in a nearby eatery...Our Farmer in Residence, **Al Hines**, says don't be shy, just come on out with the family or loved one to his farm in Covert, Michigan, a tiny two-hour drive, and spend a day riding some horses, sleigh riding, or just traipsing the outdoors and enjoying some time out of the city...Santa Claus in the form of operator **Gary Hurst** will sit for a picture with you at this year's North Park Christmas Party as mentioned in an earlier issue. Gary was also the official game starter, dressed in a clown outfit for this summer's past garage picnic, which the kids really enjoyed...Anyone ready to dispute her title of "Best Ping-Pong Player" at North Park? Supervisor **Hager McFarland** may be, but don't ask her how she got that nickname "Puddin'" while she has that paddle in her hand...Another photographer, **Gershman Johnson**, notes that his daughter, **Marcia**, had a baby boy, **John William Archer**. Does anyone, **ANYONE**, have any kind of camera?..**Frank Von Schwedler** won't be enjoying the 1987 summer bus driving season with us if he retires this January. Frank has 38 seasons of winter driving to his credit, and looks toward thoughts of his hobbies of golf and bowling as great relaxers. But one thing, Frank, just who do you think will be sitting in the passenger's seat when your wife, **Elaine**, wants to go shopping, h-m-m?..Encore! In an earlier issue of Inside News, we had an item regarding clerk **Menasche Dallal's** son, **Jacob**, 14, who won a Regional Bible Contest and a trip to New York City. Now comes word that another son, **Etgar**, 12, has matched his older brother's feat and also won a trip to New York...Triplets, twins, or ??? Another one of our married couples here at North Park who are both veteran operators are going to be parents, according to the latest word. **Dan Dzyacky** and his Mrs., **Nilda Colorado**, are just patiently and calmly awaiting that moment of



"With the kick of mules"...

George Chandler Sr. won a first-place blue ribbon from the Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild (Madison, Wisconsin) on November 16, 1986, for the superb quality and taste of his home-brewed Ozark Beer, "the beer with the kick of mules." Chandler has also found his first

distributor, so after January 1, 1987, you can ask for Ozark Beer at your favorite watering hole south of Belmont Avenue and West of Cicero Avenue. Ozark Beer will also be sold in Madison, Wisconsin. Chandler, a machinist, retired from West Shops in March of 1986.

"Where's my suitcase/who's got the car keys?" No, **Frederick Douglas** does not have different Volvos to drive to work. He just drives his own, a green one, and the blue one to keep it company. Ask him!..**Walter Merritt** is such a professional that he started his employment as an operator, then tried six years as a ticket agent, and

now admits with a sigh that he's back doing what he does best. Sure, **Walter**...Anyone else besides your reporter going deer hunting for two weeks while on vacation? Who knows, we might get lucky and see one of those "just in time wild turkeys." Where else but in Mississippi?

Mike Flores



Happy anniversary

A Caribbean cruise aboard the *Sun Princess*, better known as "The Love Boat," is how **Charles** and **Mary Marble** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. He is director, Administrative Services, General Attorney Division, and she is an agent supervisor, Operations Division. The Marbles set sail from San Juan, Puerto Rico on November 8 for eight days and seven nights. Ports along the way included Barbados, Palm Island, Martinique, San Maarten, and St. Thomas. The Love Boat's baker made a beautiful anniversary cake for the happy couple, and some 300 travel mates sang happy anniversary good wishes and toasted the Marbles on their grand occasion. A highlight of the cruise was the unexpected but happy reunion on board when **Charles** encountered a schoolmate from as far back as first grade, imagine that...There is more. The Marbles were also in the company of Cook County Board Commissioner and Mrs. **Sam Vaughan**. Sam, a friend for many years, is also a retired CTA Claims representative.

Service anniversaries in December

40 Years

Richard Bushbaum, Signal, Phone & Radio
Gordon Maly, Mtce. Training

30 Years

Millie Beatty, South Section
Frank Coronado, North Avenue
James Fitchpatrick, Kedzie
Charles Harper, Conv. & Diff.
Curtis Jackson Jr., Kedzie
Richard Liace, Track & Roadway
John McGarry, Tort Lit. Law
Redus Moore, Rail System
Foyce Whitney, 77th Street

25 Years

James McLane, Rail Personnel South
Howard McMahon, North Avenue
Gordon Teufel, General Maint.



*Congratulations to **Bradley and Barbara Porter** on the arrival of their first born, daughter **Ivy Michelle** who was born September 27 at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Ivy tipped the scale at 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Her father is a duplicator operator in the Duplicating Section of Administrative Services. Her proud grandfather is **McClinton Porter**, retired superintendent, 77th Street garage.*



*Management Trainee **Charles Lindenmuth**, rail janitor's office, and his wife, **Cynthia**, became parents of **Rachel Ann**, born December 8 in Resurrection hospital. Baby Rachel, the couple's first child, weighed six pounds, six ounces at birth.*

Retirements November December

Herman E. Austin, Forest Glen, 34 yrs.
Charles J. Fronczak, North/Lawndale, 28 yrs.
Rudolph F. Goode, South Shops, 25 yrs.
John R. Jefferson, 77th Street, 22 yrs.
Robert A. Kukla, Douglas, 7 yrs.
Oliver L. Ross, South Shops, 25 yrs.
Kathleen P. Sloyan, Accounting Syst., 25 yrs.

disabilities

Charles Allison, North Park, 12 yrs.
George V. Kirby, Fac. Engr & Maint., 12 yrs.
Albertas Pecholcas, West Shops, 15 yrs.
Raymond Rumppe, Fac. Engr & Maint., 11 yrs.

Edward E. Aksomaitis, North Section, 14 yrs.
William Bettison, Human Resources, 29 yrs.
Arthur G. DeLuna, Forest Glen, 17 yrs.
Seymour Hoffman, North Park, 38 yrs.
Walter E. Labedz, Facilities Engr., 11 yr.

disabilities

Freddie B. Baker, North Park, 16 yrs.
Larry Childress, South Section, 18 yrs.
Dennis T. Dunaj, Archer, 11 yrs.
Jettie B. Glenn, Madison/Wabash, 18 yrs.
Nathan Young, Lawndale, 18 yrs.

IN MEMORIAM

Peter J. Belasich, 79, Transportation,
Emp. 7-27-36, Died 10-2-86
William C. Boggs, 91, West Side,
Emp. 8-7-50, Died 10-27-86
Arnold C. Caldwell, 41, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-23-69, Died 10-6-86
Martin J. Cosgrove, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-5-27, Died 10-13-86
Andrew W. Draus, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-16-25, Died 9-17-86
John J. Durkin, 87, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-25-23, Died 9-25-86
Warner G. Erlandson, 90, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 12-1-21, Died 10-23-86
Marie E. Folz, 72, Datacenter,
Emp. 11-4-57, Died 8-28-86
Harold F. Forster, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-27-42, Died 10-13-86
Richardine G. Foster, 63, North Sect.,
Emp. 11-5-60, Died 9-6-86
Salvatore Fricano, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 6-9-44, Died 10-6-86
Thomas B. Gavin, 78, North Section,
Emp. 7-20-27, Died 10-4-86
Rudolph Haas, 79, Transportation,
Emp. 6-29-33, Died 10-18-86
Fred J. Hagen, 83, Beverly,
Emp. 11-24-25, Died 10-6-86
Redo G. Hall, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-3-46, Died 9-24-86
Daniel P. Hayes, 75, North/South Dist.,
Emp. 2-20-36, Died 10-2-86
Jesse C. Hill, 91, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-27-25, Died 9-21-86
Marion E. Kariolich, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-29-40, Died 9-2-86
Robert B. Kessler, 74, North Park,
Emp. 7-24-41, Died 9-10-86
Louis Klausner, 105, North Sect.,
Emp. 9-14-07, Died 10-19-86
Vincent B. Korts, 81, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 2-3-43, Died 9-14-86
Benjamin J. Kosiek, 71, 98th Shop,
Emp. 8-15-41, Died 10-9-86
Arthur H. Krause, 82, North Section,
Emp. 3-10-43, Died 9-25-86
Otto R. Krueger, 66, West Shops,
Emp. 9-19-51, Died 10-15-86
Michael A. Laban, 80, Archer,
Emp. 7-1-29, Died 10-26-86
Paul A. Leidig, 82, West Section,
Emp. 10-2-62, Died 9-14-86
Harry E. Listeck, 69, Beverly,
Emp. 11-27-53, Died 9-21-86

Michael J. Lucas, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-26-42, Died 10-27-86
Oscar H. Ludmann, 85, Engineering,
Emp. 5-21-34, Died 9-25-86
Alfred C. Mariani, 79, Elect.,
Emp. 3-17-30, Died 9-22-86
John A. McIntosh, 85, Keeler,
Emp. 1-15-26, Died 10-25-86
Major McNeal, 89, Loop,
Emp. 9-8-50, Died 10-1-86
Peter J. Meinardi, 77, Gen. Adm. & Fin.,
Emp. 4-16-48, Died 10-8-86
Edward J. O'Dea, 86, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-17-27, Died 8-29-86
Harold W. Parman, 86, Logan Square,
Emp. 11-15-22, Died 9-9-86
William R. Parnum, 63, North Park,
Emp. 8-14-46, Died 10-6-86
Walter Passot, 83, Stores,
Emp. 9-5-29, Died 10-8-86
Bruno B. Perkowski, 93, Way & Structures,
Emp. 5-4-20, Died 10-31-86
Edward N. Perry, 83, Limits,
Emp. 1-26-44, Died 8-14-86
George A. Raymond, 90, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 12-10-23, Died 10-27-86
Roy T. Rapp, 88, North Park,
Emp. 7-7-21, Died 9-10-86
John J. Redmond, 67, Skokie,
Emp. 6-27-46, Died 9-28-86
Duncan H. Robbie, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 2-21-24, Died 10-28-86
Arthur E. Schwappach, 80, Beverly,
Emp. 5-29-29, Died 10-25-86
Katherine Sheehan, 94, West Section,
Emp. 7-20-27, Died 10-7-86
William F. Sheehan, 77, South Section,
Emp. 9-4-41, Died 9-17-86
Vincent Shubat, 77, Engineering,
Emp. 6-19-41, Died 9-6-86
Wesley E. Stitt, 95, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-25-27, Died 9-20-86
Edward B. Thorne, 72, Mat. Mgmt.,
Emp. 11-28-41, Died 10-1-86
Irwin J. Wagner, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-21-36, Died 9-29-86
Luther L. Wallace, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-27-47, Died 10-9-86
Raymond O. Washburn, 78, Security,
Emp. 11-11-36, Died 10-14-86
Mary Anne Welsh, 75, Claims Law,
Emp. 4-1-35, Died 10-12-86
Joseph L. Zdenovec, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-23-42, Died 9-19-86



Leo High school's star running back, **Levitus Johnson** (Number 35) the son of 69th Street bus operator **Lewis T. and Bertha Johnson**, exceeded his 1986 season goal of 1,000 rushing yards by three yards. The 16-year old junior carried the ball 156 times for an average of 6.4 yards per carry, and scored 12 touchdowns during the season. Johnson not only heads Leo's All-

Catholic athletic honors, but the young math enthusiast is also on the dean's list with a 3.0 plus grade point average. He has remained on the honor roll since his high school days began. The University of Oklahoma and Texas A&M University presently top his list of collegiate interests.



Hypnotherapist

Edward H. Roncek, a CTA maintenance division plumber, has opened an office in Oak Park where he is practicing the profession of hypnotherapist. He has been a CTA employee since 1980.

Roncek has been active in hypnosis for 27 years, working in two medical clinics and studying case histories in hypnosis centers in 10 countries. His work has included hypnosis for age regression, childbirth, dentistry, surgery, athletics, smoking, weight loss, memory concentration, and various psychological problems.

He is presently working with a professional bowler in an advisory capacity on the mental aspects of the game.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES SURVEY

CTA is considering conducting contests or exhibitions in some of the following areas. We would like your opinions and suggestions regarding the areas which are of greatest interest to you. These activities will be conducted during non-working hours and on your own time.

If you had the opportunity to participate in a contest with other CTA employees and retirees, what would you be most interested in?

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|--|--|
| ☐ Talent Showcase | ☐ Chess Tournament |
| ☐ Art Exhibition | ☐ Spell-a-thon |
| ☐ Gardening Competition | ☐ Baking Contest |
| ☐ Running Marathon | ☐ Secretary of the Year |
| ☐ Bowling Tournament | ☐ (Secretarial Skills) |
| ☐ Writing Contest | ☐ Employees of the Month/Year |
| ☐ Checkers Tournament | ☐ Other _____ |

If CTA has a contest in the future, would you be willing to participate during your non-working hours as:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Planner | ☐ Staff Worker |
| ☐ Advisor | ☐ Judge |
| ☐ Participant | ☐ Spectator |

Do you feel that employees' immediate families should be allowed to participate?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes: ☐ in the same contest ☐ in separate competitions

Would you prefer an exhibition of any of the above-mentioned activities, rather than a competition?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, comments: _____

Would you be interested in a long-term participation activity?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| ☐ Choir | ☐ Drama Group |
| ☐ Sports Team | ☐ Committee on CTA Employee Activities |

Other suggestions: _____

Please return this completed questionnaire to: Carol Ruggiero, Merchandise Mart, Room 734. For further information, call extension 3321 in the Mart.



Sharing



Mayor Harold Washington, flanked by CTA Chairman **Walter Clark** (left), and Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, hear a report on the giant food drive for the needy being read by Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. Vice President **James Bidwell**. Behind Bidwell is **Enoch Anderson**, vice president/Leasing Contracts, Merchandise Mart Properties. Businesses operating in the Mart pooled efforts on Dec. 11 and con-

tributed 35 tons of food to the Mayor's Sharing program. The food was delivered to a depository for distribution to the needy. CTA employees in the Merchandise Mart joined CTA personnel in the Pension Office at 440 North Wells to contribute more than 100 pounds of food to the effort. CTA transit workers from all CTA locations also contributed to the Mayor's Sharing program in a separate effort on Dec. 19.



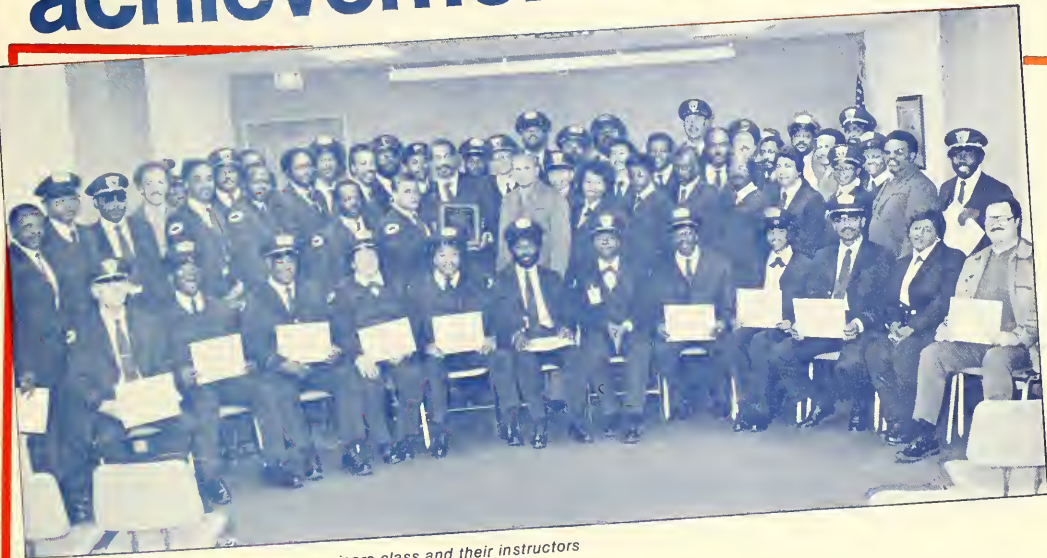
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Unique achievement: Bus Service Supervisors class



Members of the 1986 Bus Service Supervisors class and their instructors show their pride and smiles for the class' unique achievement.

The 57 members of the 1986 Bus Service Supervisors class have plenty to be proud about, besides earning their certificates of Achievement Award, following their 21-week classroom and field work program provided by the staff of the CTA's Training Center.

"This is the first class in recent memory to have had all its members, all 57 of them, who entered the tough training program in May, 1986, to have completed it on October 3," said **Paul Kadowaki**, director of Instruction.

Some of the graduates confided in Kadowaki that they found the course demanding and difficult. They formed small groups on their own time and studied at their homes to help classmates stay abreast of the program. That was another first, Kadowaki said.

"Their camaraderie and team work was just beautiful. Their instructors didn't learn about their home study groups until the class was well into the training program," Kadowaki explained.

On graduation day, the proud 57-member class received certificates and then presented their bus instructors with a plaque with the inscription "Thank You to Bus Instructors **Sam Johnson, Joe Valtierra, Jenipher Finger, and James Cruthird.**"

The plaque is now on display in the Training Center. A motto of this very special class could be "We Will Continue to Perform our Best."

The members of this outstanding class, listed in rank of seniority, are on page 2.

Bus service supervisor graduates Unique achievers:

Jay W. Thompson
Otha Williams
Willie O. Robinson
Thomas O. Patterson
Paul K. Jones
Clois Harper
Willie J. Stewart
Ladell Jackson
Levy Johnson
Robert E. Hampton
David M. Keske
William I. Washington
Robert L. Reed
Charles D. Murrell

James C. Darke
Rudolph Tatum
Lee M. Dagon
Gary Wallace
Billy Morgan
Joe A. Jones
Leonard Woolfolk
Victor R. Moore
Richard P. Ziemba
Daniel Shelton
William H. Edgerton
Salvador V. Flores
Eugenio Rivera
Anthony W. Ellis

Charles McKissick
Mohammed Y. Choudry
Mildred Heath
Melvin R. Wark
Ethel Wilson
Wylean Williams
Wilson Torres
Annie P. McIntosh
Douglas W. Hoffman
Jose Moreno
Lynval J. Thompson
Ernest T. Ware
Sanders Ingram
James A. Burns

Obie J. Dean
James V. Bernstein
Gayla M. Thompson
Ray A. Lea
Joseph E. Rodenski
Patricia A. Percy
Delois West
Dale M. Myrick
Robert G. Williams
Carlotta H. Myers
Willie Pettigrew
Phillip L. Gary
Claude L. Woods
Rosemary Hoskins
Clearchire Lawrence

Rosemarie Gulley is named director of Media Relations

Rosemarie Gulley, former director of community relations and general assignment reporter for the American Broadcasting Company's WLS-TV station in Chicago, has been named director of Media Relations for CTA by Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell**.

Before joining WLS-TV in 1972, Ms. Gulley served as executive director of the Independent Voters of Illinois - Independent Precinct Organization. Most recently, she was telemarketing representative for Time-Life Corporation.

Ms. Gulley is a professor of broadcasting at Columbia College. She holds bachelor and master of arts degrees in sociology from Roosevelt University.

A member of both the nominating and communications advisory committees of the Girl Scouts of Chicago, Ms. Gulley has been a board member of South Central Community Services, and an advisory board member of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, the Media Committee for Operation Able, and the Celebrity Corps of the Salvation Army.

Ms. Gulley is a recipient of the Chicago Links Communicators



Award, the Chicago Board of Education's Excellence Award, the National Association of Media Women's Pioneer in Electronic Media Award, and United Press International's Special Documentary Award. She also has been honored by the Women's Bar Association.

Ms. Gulley makes her home in downtown Chicago.

1986 SAFETY RECORD IS BEST EVER FOR CTA

The Chicago Transit Authority in 1986 had the best safety record in its 39-year history, according to figures released in January by CTA Executive Director Robert E. Paaswell.

The Authority's traffic and passenger accident rate of 4.8 accidents and incidents per 100,000 miles of operation represented a 3 percent decrease from the record of 5.0 in 1985, which itself had been 2 percent less than the lowest previous rate.

"Concern for passenger safety has been one of our highest priorities," Paaswell said. "We're proud that our employees are demonstrating improved safety awareness, and that our safety training programs are paying off."

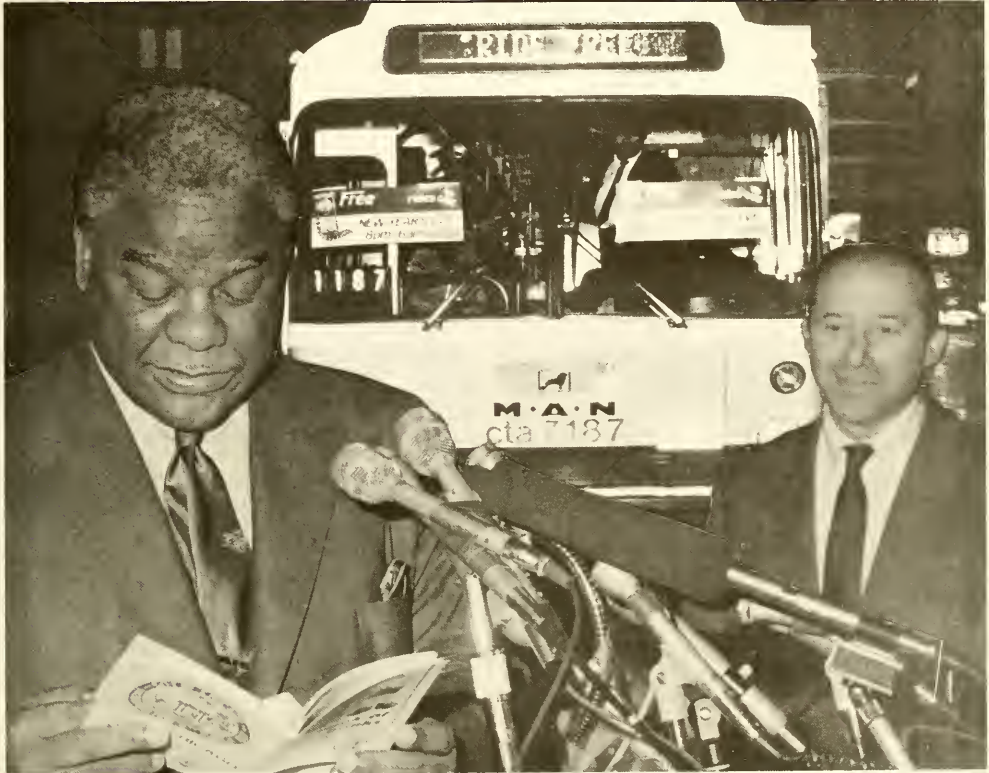
Figures used to determine the CTA safety record include all traffic and passenger accidents and incidents reported by both CTA personnel and the general public.

March of Dimes solicits walkers

CTA will participate in the 17th annual March of Dimes Walk America in the fight against birth defects. Walkers will step off April 26 at 8:30 a.m. from Grant Park at Butler Field near Jackson and Columbus Drive.

Team walk participants are encouraged to solicit sponsors for pledges in this 30 kilometer walkathon. Arrangements for CTA walkers are being handled by **Joyce Shaw**, CTA Promotions, Ext. 3345.

2nd annual free ride program is a success



Mayor Harold Washington reviews a copy of the city's "Cook Book of Sober Drinks" as he and CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** promote free rides on CTA for New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve--For some it's a time of parties with lots of merrymaking, and for others, a time of great introspection and deep prayer. But for CTA personnel, it was quite a different kind of New Year's Eve experience. Why? Because passengers rode FREE from 8:00 pm New Year's Eve until 6:00 am New Year's Day!

The free rides were made possible when the CTA Board passed a special ordinance approving 1¢ rides for all passengers on New Year's Eve. To make the rides free for everyone, the Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA) paid the penny fares.

The Public Affairs Department with the IRA kicked off the campaign with Mayor Washington officially announcing the free rides at a press conference

at the Daley Plaza, December 29. Also attending the conference was Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director, and Herman Berghoff, vice chairman of the Illinois Restaurant Association Board.

The Mayor stressed the dangers of drinking and driving and even read recipes from the city's "Cookbook of Sober Drinks," including the Windy City Whistler. After questions were answered by Dr. Paaswell, free coffee was served and information was disseminated.

Nathaniel Campbell, Kedzie Garage, who has had 17 years of service as a bus operator, worked on New Year's Eve. He stated, "I think it was great and a really good move. I'm

sure it saved a lot of lives, and it probably helped the police too - keeping people off the streets." When asked how many passengers were aware of the free rides, he estimated about 50% had heard of it. When he explained to those who didn't know about it, they were really happy and most said thank you.

The promotions continued with press releases, radio commercials, public service announcements, and car cards up throughout the system.

Bill Baxa, Manager of Public Affairs, added that even if one of the 200,000 riders' lives, or that of many motorists on the road, had been spared, CTA's New Year's Eve FREE Ride Program was well worth it.

1,500 attend West Shops open house

Some 1,500 family members and friends of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department personnel were entertained at a West Shops pre-Christmas open house on Dec. 20. **David A. Hillock**, department manager, and members of his staff hosted the occasion.

Hillock said Facilities Engineering and Maintenance personnel want CTA employees throughout the Authority to become familiar with West Shops and get a better look at the role the department plays in the CTA mission. He said plans call for an open house at West Shops each year.

Visitors to this first occasion for West Shops were greeted by personnel eager to explain functions of the various departments, and to answer questions of the guests. Employee families also contributed cakes, pies, cookies, and other homemade pastries for the enjoyment of visitors. Souvenir candy stockings, balloons, and plastic windshield scrapers were distributed as mementoes of the open house.

Personnel of the Power and Way section provided children of guests with rides on the West Shops mini bus, and sleigh rides, as well as a moment

with Santa, who was played by CTA Power and Way retiree **Robert Booth**. Youths were also entertained with a "Lights, Bells and Whistles" show, a system of push buttons which, when activated, gave some insight into signal communications used in public transportation.

Other Facilities Engineering and Maintenance management staff on hand to greet visitors included **John Winkler**, director, Utility; **Gordon Brady**, acting director, Building and Grounds, and **Roy Smith**, acting director, Power and Way/-Maintenance.



Santa, played by retiree **Robert Booth**, is visited by three little friends ready to tell him about their wish list for Christmas.



Santa and **Richard Valloni**, supervisor, Substations Operations, ride through the shop on Santa's sleigh, greeting the throng of guests who turned out for this first West Shops open house for CTA families.

CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, and his wife, **Mrs. Rosalind Paaswell**, were host and hostess to a special West Shops open house guest, **Professor Yang Zhao Sheng** (left) of Jilin University of Technology, at Changchun, Republic of China. Others are **Gordon Brady**, acting director, Buildings and Grounds (background), and Buildings and Grounds carpenter **Frank Bartos** who handed out snow scrapers on the occasion.



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Honor six retirees on Day in CTA

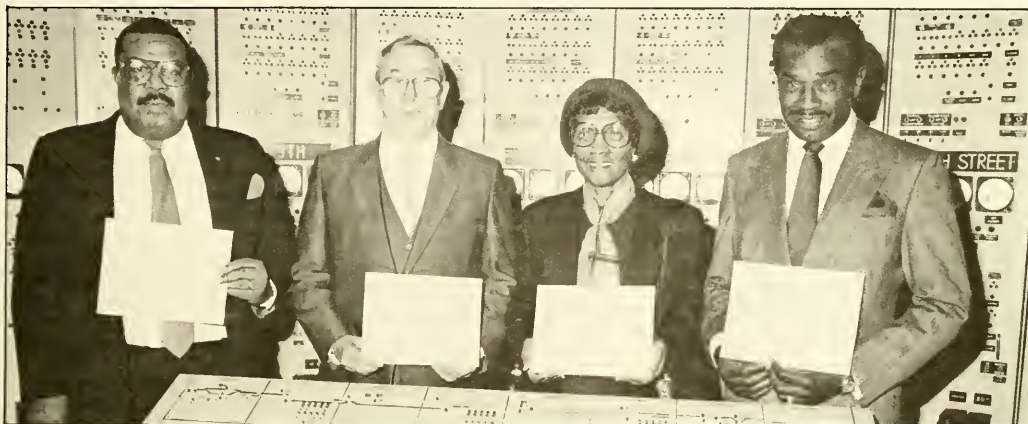
Six CTA operating employees retiring with over 197 years of collective service, were the recipients of special recognition on A Day in CTA for their years of exemplary service in their respective classifications.

Honored were **Frank Von Schwedler**, bus operator, North Park garage, and **Walter Raffa**, conductor, O'Hare terminal, each with over 38 years of service; operators **Thomas Cook** and **Rufus Meeks**, 69th Street garage, 35 and 30 years service, respectively; **Myron Woods**, instructor, Limits Training Center, and

Odessa Danielley, ticket agent, Ashland terminal, each with 27½ years of service.

Bus operators Von Schwedler, Cook, and Meeks were praised for logging more than two million miles in revenue service over their collective 104 years of CTA employment. Meeks, a participant in the annual CTA Bus Rodeo since 1982, and a member of the Winning Circle 20 since 1983, finished his CTA career as third runnerup in the 1986 Bus Rodeo.

Myron Woods, a former bus operator at Archer garage who transferred to the rail system, held a variety of job classifications before he was assigned as an instructor. Raffa, with CTA since 1948, and Ms Danielley, hired in 1959 as a ticket agent, both compiled excellent work records throughout their CTA service. Each of the honorees received special certificates of recognition.



Certificates of appreciation were presented to these Day in CTA honorees as they announced their retirement. They are (from left) Myron Woods, Frank Von Schwedler, Odessa

Danielley, and Rufus Meeks. Others honored but not present to receive their certificates were Walter Raffa, and Thomas Cook.

Charles Parham (right), telephone maintenance foreman at West Shops, gives his family a tour of his work location during the pre-Christmas open house. The family includes (from left) daughter, Mrs. Theresa Williams who holds her 18-month old son Terrell, 11-year old grandson Anthony Wilson, and Parham's wife, Alicia of the CTA Accounts Payable section. Resting comfortably in granddad's arms is 2-year old Krishna Baisden.



Robert Kendrick (77th Street garage) was complimented by **Marian Pinman**, of East 52nd Street, for his courtesy as operator of an early morning No. 1 Indiana/Hyde Park bus. "If he sees someone running to the bus, he waits. He greets us with a cheery 'Good morning!' In fact, nearly everyone who boards the bus now greets fellow passengers the same way. He knows all his regular passengers, and will inquire when he does not see one. I enjoy going to work now, as it is a pleasure to have such a concerned and considerate driver, and we the passengers are special to him."



Richard Corbett (North Section) was commended by **Rolando Valente**, of North Mozart Street, in a letter forwarded from the *Sun-Times' Action Time*, for his alertness as conductor of an afternoon rush period Ravenswood train. "He came to the car where I was a passenger and called to everybody's attention in a firm, loud voice that there was a pickpocket on board whom he had seen in the act before. He then warned passengers to be careful and wary of him. I don't know how other passengers felt, but as a regular rider, I am really grateful for what he did. We need more CTA employees like him."

John Cameron (South Section) caught the attention of **Manny Julius**, of Morse Avenue, for the way he handled his job as conductor of a Howard-Jackson Park train. "I must compliment him for the way he announced the stations. He announced in advance as well as, at the stations, and told people what major areas, buildings, shopping and places of interest were near each stop. He also announced at times the temperature and weather conditions on what was a damp, chilly and windy day. It certainly was a great help not only to the local citizens, but also to Chicago visitors."

Janis Marion (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 36 Broadway bus ridden by **Ella Gardner**, of South Loomis Boulevard. "There was a male passenger yelling, cursing, and using the worst language I ever heard. She tolerated the obscenities for only a few blocks before stopping the bus and asking him to leave. When he refused, she picked up the phone to call for help. Despite being cursed and threatened by the passenger, she stood her ground and demanded that he leave the bus, which he finally did."

Vernon Hill (North Section) was praised by **Hugh Magill**, a Loop attorney with offices on West Madison Street, for his performance as conductor of an Evanston Express train. "His announcements were given with unusual clarity and enthusiasm. He also took time to relay important information for commuters, such as the current times and details about interline transfers and the various stops on the line. His interaction with passengers displayed a similar enthusiasm and politeness. His performance and attitude as an employee are assets to your service."

Anthony Donato (Lawndale garage) won the approval of **Brendan Gedow**, of North Springfield Avenue, for his handling of a No. 53 Pulaski bus. "Recently I broke my ankle, and have been using crutches to get around. Normally, I don't ride CTA buses, but now I must. This bus operator on the Pulaski route was very courteous and helpful, letting me know when my stop was coming up, and not driving until I had found a seat. He called out the stops loudly and clearly, and was especially nice to elderly people. He is a credit to the CTA and deserves some sort of recognition."

Elton Williams (North Section) was thanked by **Vivian Spittle**, of Evanston, for his helpfulness as conductor of an Evanston Express train. "He announced each station clearly, and explained where to transfer to other lines en route. This employee impressed me as being efficient and accommodating in every way. He stressed that there was to be no smoking or radio playing without earphones, and no littering. His voice carried this message clearly. It was a pleasure riding the CTA at this time."

Cedric Johnson (Kedzie garage) was noticed by **Michael Johnson**, of North Lake Shore Drive, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 66 Chicago bus. "When I boarded the bus, I was greeted with a friendly 'Hello.' About three blocks later, the driver waited for a lady running out of the hospital door. At Dearborn, he asked an able-bodied young man to move out of the handicapped seat. Then he helped an elderly man on board with his grocery bag, and made sure the gentleman was seated before pulling away. He called out all streets loud and clear, and traveled at a good pace. CTA should be proud to have him."

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Glen Adams, 77th Street
Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball
Robert Anderson, Forest Glen
Albert Armstrong, Limits

Martha Bada, North Park
L. C. Bankhead, Kedzie
Johnny Banks, 77th Street
Samuel Bevelle, North Park
Eugene Blackmon Jr., North Park
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Michael Bragg, 69th Street
Edward Brewer, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Everett Brown, Forest Glen
David Brown Jr., North Park
Robert Buie Jr., North Park
Earl Burress, 69th Street

Anthony Caldwell, North Park
John Cameron, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Eloise Carter, 77th Street
Ethel Claiborne, 77th Street
Dwayne Clark, 77th Street
Marla Clark, Forest Glen
Patricia Cobb, 69th Street
Ernest Cooley, 69th Street
Griz Craig, North Park
Armando Cuesta, North Park

George Davenport, 77th Street
Bart Davis, Forest Glen
Vincent Dawson, Limits
Joseph Dean, 69th Street
Angel Delapaz, Forest Glen
Robert Dering, Agent, West
Johnny Dickerson, North Park
Thelma Dorsey, 77th Street

Rosette Ewing, Howard/Kimball

Edward Farmer, 77th Street
Jerry Feggin, Douglas/Congress
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Robert Foster, Forest Glen
Willie Fowler, Jefferson Park

James Gaines, 77th Street
Jose Galloza, Forest Glen
Juan Garcia, North Avenue
Vincent Gerybo, Forest Glen
Ralph Green, 77th Street
William Greenwood, 77th Street

Josephine Harris, North Avenue
Leonard Heady, Beverly
Bryan Hedstrom, Campaign Area
James Hentz, Jefferson Park
Neil Hickman, Limits
Vernon Hill, Howard/Kimball
Ricky Hogan, North Park

Herbert Ives, North Park

Cleo Jackson, Jefferson Park
Willie James, North Park
Jerry Jenkins, Archer
Gilbert Johnson, 77th Street
Frank Jones, 69th Street
Gregory Jones, Limits
Ismael Juarbe, North Avenue

John Kidd Jr., Beverly
Thomas Kissel, North Park
Michael Kobar, Mgmt. Info. Syst.
Peter Kourakos, North Park

Robert Lay, Limits
Leblanc Ledree, Limits
Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland, 61st, 95th
Irving Lewis, 69th Street
Leatha Lewis, Archer
Hollis Lewis Jr., Kedzie
Christopher Lindner, North Park
Melvin Lindsey Jr., 77th Street
Dominic Lochirco, Archer
Theodore Love Jr., Archer

Janis Marino, Limits
Kenneth Martin, Kedzie
Michael Martinov, Forest Glen
Joseph Maryland, Limits
Theodore McIntyre, Limits
Wade Montgomery, Archer
Charla Morgan, 77th Street
Thomas Morrison, North Park
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Timothy Mulvey, Beverly
Ricky Munoz, Jefferson Park

Frank Nava, Limits
George Neal, Kedzie

Araceli Olivier, North Park
James Ollie, 77th Street
Lynn Owens, 77th Street
Dianna Owens, Forest Glen

John Paczkowski, North Park
Willie Parker, North Avenue
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Rosario Perez, Jefferson Park
Irvin Perry, Archer
Bruce Price, 77th Street
James Pruett Jr., 77th Street
James Przybylski, North Park

Emelio Ramos, North Park
Lowell Reynolds, Agents, West
Thomas Rhone, 77th Street
Ramon Rios, Forest Glen
Halipson Rivera, North Park
Anthony Rivera, North Park
Vernon Robinson, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Jose Roman, Jefferson Park

Pedro Sanchez, 77th Street
Barnett Simmons, 69th Street
Wade Simmons, Kedzie
John Smith, 77th Street
David Smith, 77th Street
Salvador Soler, North Park
Howard Stratton, Howard/Kimball
George Studenroth, Rail Campaign Area

Sterling Tharp Jr., 77th Street
Lynette Thigpen, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Wanda Thompson, 69th Street
Robert Tirado, North Park
Eddie Traylor III, North Park

Adolphus Walker Jr., North Avenue
George Whaley, Limits
Walter White, Beverly
Martha Whiting, Kedzie
Kenneth Williamson, Kedzie
James Willis, North Avenue
Leroy Wilson Jr., 77th Street
Angela Winfrey, Forest Park

Jacques Yezeguian, Forest Glen
Fred Young, North Park
Rudolph Young, North Park
Mohamed Yousef, Limits

Anthony Zenner, North Park
Joseph Zukerman, North Park

"I've always found the CTA Control Center an interesting place. It's always so busy with activity," said Gregory White, a Commonwealth Edison engineer who was chaperoning visiting high school students.

White, the son of CTA rail controller **Willie White**, is advisor for Explorer Scout Post 9709 which is sponsored by Commonwealth Edison. White and assistant advisor Roberto Garza brought their scouts, all aspiring engineers, to visit the CTA because, as White said, "We wanted the students to see the nucleus of the city's transportation system. We wanted them to see the 'power side' so they will know how Commonwealth Edison serves the transportation industry."

As a youth, White was also a frequent visitor to the CTA Control Center. Thus, he knew the interest which such a visit could have for his scouts as well as his co-workers, Garza, and Commonwealth Edison's Engineering Division vice president, Lester Dugas. White is a 1985 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in electrical engineering.

In a letter of appreciation to **CTA**

Explorer Scouts tour CTA Control Center



Rail controller **Willie White** explains the CTA system to Commonwealth Edison sponsored Explorer Scouts seeking a better understanding of how the utility serves the transit authority. Seated at the console is controller **Craig Pease**.

Chairman Walter Clark concerning the visit, Dugas said. "We were warmly received by Superintendents **Jerry Johnson, Derrick Robinson, and Ben Morris**.

"We were given very professional explanations of the various systems by **Willie White** whose son Gregory is our Post Advisor, **George Hand** and **Robert Heinlein**.

"They kept the level of the presenta-

tions appropriate to the age group and level of understanding. These young people are interested in pursuing technical careers after they graduate from high school, and these gentlemen provided a model to which they can all aspire.

"We all have a greater level of appreciation for the degree of dedication that exists in this segment of our public transportation system."



If you're an abuser of alcohol or drugs, and you're frightened at the prospect of your physical and mental health being destroyed as a result of your habits, you may find solace in the confidential help of counselors available to you through CTA's Employee Assistance Program.

The Employee Assistance Program was started in 1974 to assist CTA employees with alcohol or drug related problems, and to counsel their loved ones who may be suffering from similar abuses, or who may be affected by an abusing employee.

CTA's Employee Assistance Program also provides a referral service to employees needing help with a variety of other problems from emo-

Employee Assistance offers confidential service

tional stress to financial difficulties and strained marital relationships.

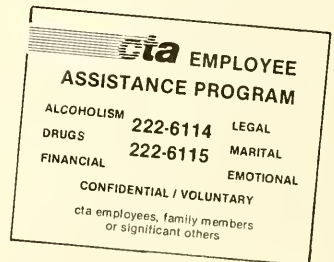
The Employee Assistance Program staff includes bilingual, multiracial men and women who have had experience counseling and assisting some 1,800 CTA employees since the program's inception. The staff is on call around the clock, every day of the year.

Michael Stroden, Employee Assistance Program director, offers a simple but direct goal for the program which is expanding, "We try to find solutions for problems and to keep people working."

The CTA Employee Assistance Program is believed to be one of the finest serving the transportation industry anywhere in the United

States. "We receive daily requests to aid and assist other organizations in developing their own programs," Stroden said.

The confidential service of the Employee Assistance Program is available to any CTA employee by calling...





Don't let a home fire catch you unprepared

They are terrifyingly quick and intense. They take the lives of unsuspecting sleepers, cause millions of dollars of property damage, and usually can be prevented. They are home fires, and they represent the second leading cause of accidental deaths in homes.

Home blazes kill about 4,000 people each year, according to the National Safety Council, and most of the victims are young children and older adults. Most home fire deaths occur between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the time when most people are asleep, so prevention and advance planning are the best measures for protecting your family.

Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths, but it is probably the most easily avoided. Most fires blamed on careless smoking start in living rooms where cigarettes dropped on upholstered furniture can smolder for hours before bursting into flames. Cigarette butts should be dumped into an empty metal container, and nothing flammable should be put into that can. Smokers should never light up in bed where it is easy to fall asleep while the cigarette is still burning. A smoker should get out of bed and smoke some place where dozing is less likely.

The number one cause of residential fires and second leading cause of fire-related deaths is attributed to heating units. Central heating systems should be checked annually, and any needed work should be completed by a professional. Home owners should change or clean filters regularly to avoid overburdening the furnace.

Solid fuel heaters (coal or woodburning) should not be placed within three feet of combustible objects or walls. Fire is not the only hazard posed by these heating units — improper use or installation can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Check local fire codes and enlist the help of a professional to install these heaters.

To avoid home fires, portable heaters, whether electric or kerosene, should be used with extra care and manufacturer's instructions followed closely. Electric heaters should have a switch that will automatically turn the heater off if the unit is tipped over. Extension cords should not be used with these heaters unless the cords are designed for the heavier power load, and, of

course, electric heaters should never be used around water. When using a kerosene heater, it is a good idea to open a window an inch or two to provide the room with ventilation. Only K-1, clear kerosene should be used in these heaters. Allow units to cool and take them outdoors before adding fuel.

Cooking often leads to home fires. Cooks should not allow themselves to be distracted by a television or by becoming involved in a phone conversation. Potholders and spice racks should not be hung over stovetops where they can catch fire and where your clothes can catch fire when you reach for them. Never throw water on a grease fire — the flames will only spread. If a fire starts on the stovetop, put a lid on the pan to cut off the air supply, and turn off the burner. Do not move a blazing pan from the stove because the action will fan the flames. If a fire starts in an oven or broiler, close the door and turn the appliance off.

A child's innocent curiosity is all too often the cause of a home blaze that brings serious injury or death. Store matches out of a child's reach, and teach your children never to handle matches unless you are with them. Do not allow them to play around any type of heating unit or in the kitchen while you are cooking.

Minutes can mean the difference between life and death, so plan ahead for your family — install smoke detectors and establish escape routes from each room. The lifesaving blast of a smoke detector horn can give your family enough time to escape a home fire. The National Safety Council recommends smoke detectors be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall outside bedroom areas; multi-level homes should have a detector on each level (including the basement). These devices should be checked at least every month and batteries replaced at least every year. At about \$10 each, smoke detectors are small but mighty investments in your family's safety. Each person should know how to escape their home quickly in case of fire. Establish two escape routes from each bedroom and practice using these routes.

While no measure is foolproof, prevention is the best insurance policy for avoiding serious and heartbreaking injuries and extensive property loss.

Plan New North Avenue garage construction

CTA is adding to its state of the art bus garages. The latest addition will be a new garage at North and Cicero Avenues in Chicago.

The new North Avenue Garage which is expected to be completed in late 1989, will be the third garage in CTA's modernization program to be built since 1984. The Kedzie Garage at Jackson Boulevard and Van Buren Street was completed that year, followed by the Stony Island Garage at 103rd and Stony Island Avenue which is currently under construction.

The North Avenue Garage, which had its origin in 1910, served street cars, trolley buses, and propane and diesel buses until it was closed last September. The Chicago Transit

Board has awarded a contract for \$598,500 to the G.M. Wrecking Company of Thornton, Illinois for demolition of these existing facilities.

This contract, which was the lowest of the six bids received, provides for the removal of several structures on the 15.4 acre property to be completed by July. These structures include three brick, steel, and reinforced concrete buildings covering a total of 100,000 square feet, a bus fueling facility, and miscellaneous structures above and below grade. The contractor must also excavate the entire site to a point one and a half feet below the existing grade to remove long-covered street car tracks, paving bricks, and other surface pavement materials.

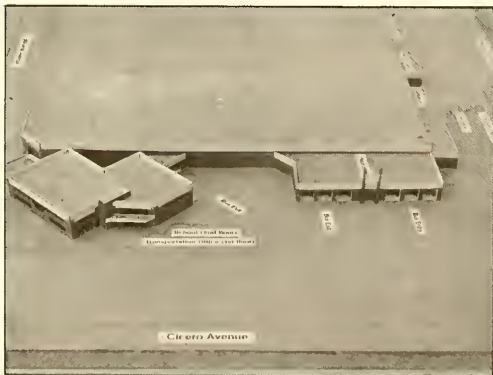
The 240 buses which were assigned to the North Avenue Garage have been temporarily transferred to the reopened Lawndale Garage as well as to Kedzie and Forest Glen Garages. The new North Avenue facility is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of 1989.

F. H. Petzold of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Department is the project manager. Petzold said that the new one-story facility will cover 345,000 square feet and will store up to 300 buses. Plans and specifications for the new garage are currently being finalized.

This new building will also contain a training center and a transportation office complex.



This old building, one of three at the North Avenue bus garage site, waits to be razed as plans move ahead for a new facility.



This scale model of the new North Avenue garage offers viewers a preview of how the new facility will look in 1989, when it is expected to be completed. Total project cost including demolition, site improvement and construction will be approximately \$24 million dollars.



A wrecking ball, hoisted from a crane in the background, makes short work of the demolition project at North Avenue as the building crumbles under the weight of the ball.

Pioneers celebrate 11th anniversary

The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club marked its 11th anniversary at its annual Christmas party held December 9 in the Golden Flame restaurant, at Higgins road and Nagle avenue. More than 400 persons attended the luncheon and dance, one of four parties the club features during the year.

This year's party schedule includes **Valentine's Day**, February 10; **Mother's Day**, May 12; **Grandparents' Day**, September 8, and the **Christmas** program, December 8.

The club's 1987 slate of officers were introduced at last year's Christmas party. They are **Frank Koziol**, president; **George Nash**, 1st vice president; **Sam Girard**, 2nd vice president; **Walter Steinbeiss**, secretary, and **Warren Scholl**, treasurer.

Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Golden Flame restaurant starting at 12:30 p.m.

All CTA and West Towns retirees are invited to join the 600-member club. For more information, telephone **Walter Steinbeiss** at **334-4189**.



*Pioneers Retirement Club officers for 1987 are (from left) **Walter Steinbeiss**, secretary; **Warren Scholl**, treasurer; **Frank Koziol**, president; **George Nash**, 1st vice president, and **Sam Girard**, 2nd vice president.*



*Pioneers Club President **Frank Koziol** (light suit) welcomes guests at the club's annual Christmas party, **Bob Thomas** (left), **Rosemary Hoskins**, and **Lonnie Walker**, all North Park garage bus operators.*



Certified Professional Secretary

Patricia Flynn, executive secretary, Personnel Administration, has earned the distinction of Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) awarded by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries. Ms. Flynn received the CPS distinction based on recent test scores she received in an extensive six-part, two-day examination of her secretarial skills. She was tested on her knowledge of behavioral science in business, business law, economics and management, accounting, secretarial skills and decision making, and office procedures and administration. Ap-

proximately 1,200 Illinois residents belong to this exclusive group of secretaries which comprises some 20,000 professional secretaries throughout the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Canada. A second generation CTA employee, Ms. Flynn is the daughter of former rail superintendent **John P. Flynn**, who retired from Desplaines terminal in 1979 after 42 years of service. Her mother, Mrs. **Mary Ryan Flynn**, is a former CTA ticket agent.

Retirement is beginning of new opportunities

The charismatic prayer group at St. Henry's Catholic church will occupy a lot of **Mrs. Dorothy Rose's** time now that she has retired from her job as a utility clerk in Materials Management. She began her retirement on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Rose, of Schaumburg, is a widow who has been active with the prayer group for 14 years, and says she looks forward to continuing in its service. After many years as a homemaker she began her CTA career in 1974 as a clerk in central files and fondly remembers her first boss, the late **William Platt, Sr.**, whom she credits with giving her the encouragement she needed when she first joined the CTA family.

Soon after her employment, Mrs. Rose traveled with her prayer group to the Holy Land where she enjoyed an audience with Pope Paul VI. She expects to be among the group's conferees attending the international conference in New Orleans this summer.

Her family includes a son, James,

Jr., and a daughter, **Mrs. Judy Boschan**, who formerly worked in CTA's Materials Management department.

Frank Barker, director, Street Traffic/Graphics, retired January 1 after 40 years of service. He and his wife, Dorothy, are residing in Sandwich, Illinois. Barker's father, the late **Frank J. Barker**, retired in 1959 as traffic analyst in CTA's former Training and Accident Prevention department.

Paneling his basement and turning it into a hobby room for the model railroads he likes to build is a job that is keeping **Alex Johnson** occupied for the moment. Johnson, manager, Transportation Personnel, also retired January 1 after 40 years with CTA. He is vice president of St. Peters Lutheran Church, and chaplain of the 70th Infantry Division Veterans association. Johnson and his wife, Helen, plan to remain in Chicago.

Ruth Havlik, executive secretary, Operations Planning, retired January 1 after 36 years. Another veteran of

36 years CTA service who joined pensioners was **Joe Tunzi**, supervisor, Operations Administrative Services.

Tunzi joined CTA as a mail clerk on August 7, 1950, and left in 1953 for a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He resumed his CTA service immediately following his discharge from the Army in 1955, and was promoted to supervisor in the Operations division last June. Tunzi and his wife, **Diane**, a former CTA employee, reside on Chicago's northwest side.

Another year end retiree from CTA's general office is **Glenn Andersen**, supervisor, Industrial Engineering Design, an active member of the Illinois Railroad Museum at Union, Illinois. He leaves CTA after 36 years. He and his wife, Joan, will remain in Chicago.

John Harrington, superintendent, Grant Accounting, retired after 10 years of service. Harrington and his wife, Phyllis, will travel in their new motor home.



Glenn Andersen, supervisor, Industrial Equipment Design (third/left), prepares to cut the big sheet cake advertising his co-workers' best wishes for him in retirement. Celebrating with Andersen are (from left) **George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance; **Frank Venezia**, director, Equipment Engineering, and **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.



Mrs. Dorothy Rose (with corsage) is surrounded by family members at her retirement open house. Present for the occasion were (from left) her daughter, **Mrs. Judy Boschan** who was accompanied by her husband, **Donald**. Others are the honoree's son, **Jim Rose, Jr.**, and his wife, **Jane** with their children, **Alicia** and **James Rose III**.



Alex and Helen Johnson enjoy a turn or two on the ole dance floor at Johnson's retirement gala held at Northwest Builders Hall.

A cookie jar fashioned as a double decker bus reminiscent of his native Manchester, England was among mementoes which Operations Planning co-workers presented to retiring director of Street Traffic/Graphics Frank Barker. The jar sports a decal bearing Barker's CTA car number (K861) as well as his new locations (Sandwich/Galena). ▼



Ms. Ruth Havlik, executive secretary to Operations Planning Manager Harold Hirsch (left), receives per pension packet at an open house held in her honor.



John Harrington (second from left), is flanked by his wife, and co-workers at a retirement open house in his honor. Well wishers include (from left) Patrick J. Clifford, director, Grant/Property Accounting; honorees John and Phyllis Harrington; Amy Dihiansan, and Mila Austria, accounting specialists II, and Van Gosrisirikul, supervisor, Grant Accounting. ▼



It was a grand moment for retiring Joe Tunzi as he responds to the cash gift and gold watch presented to him by co-workers (from left) Shirley Boyd, Joe Vodvarka, and Tom Anderson.



Conductor Walter Raffa, 65, ended his 38 years in public transportation on Dec. 31 with a final trip to the O'Hare terminal. Supt Dennis Closs arranged to have a sign made for the front of the train honoring Raffa who started his conductor's career on the street cars on Oct. 4, 1948. He switched to the rapid transit system the next year. Raffa and his wife, Lillian plan to remain in their Niles home between vacations throughout the country.

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

North Park

Taking time out from showing an opposing team how the game is played are members of the North Park 'B's' football team. Coach **Leonard (Doc) Sims** says the team ended its season with a third place showing but, just like that 'other' Chicago team, wait until next year! Shown in this photo,

assistance of the North Park Credit Union, these ladies served a very wide and attractive selection of food, pastries, and soft drinks to those operators who were lucky enough to participate in this special Christmas dinner. And yes, that was Team Leader **Lester Jones** whom we spot-



front row left to right, are **Redmond Ward**, **Frank Springs**, **'Doc' Sims**, **Eugene Blackmon**, **Ted Lapke** and **Albert Polk**. Standing left to right are **Robert Cook**, **Alfonso Rivera**, **James Banres**, **Mike O'Neal**, **Jerry Lockridge**, **Lamar Wymbs**, **David Lewis** and Team Captain **Mark Hishop**....**Jean Cage**, **Vicki Nesbit**, **Iona Williams**, **Gail Inis** and **Frances Walker** are the guilty parties to blame for those extra calories you are now carrying around your waistline. With the generous

ted with a big smile carrying his contribution in to share among the hearty eaters. And no, that wasn't Santa, but his good friend Instructor **Pete Espinoza** riding and checking his list on the California line on Christmas Eve. This event was such a success, it might continue to be a yearly celebration. If so, we all know how much we enjoyed this occasion...Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! And how would you like to have five big weeks of vacation time coming up and not know what to do, or where to go? Instructor

Lawrence Chatman, D District, has this problem it seems, so maybe if there's someone out there reading this who needs help moving furniture, painting, etc., contact our good friend Mr. Chatman, OK?...Most of us would just about fall over when we hear we've received a commendation, so when Union Representative **Daniel Galarza** received three in just over two months, he must have done a complete somersault...**Marta Rodriguez** and **Luis Cordero** have both been hospitalized, but hopefully will be up and about in better health when you read this...While most of us are enjoying winter's low temperatures and blowing snow, **Leo Dawkins** will be shaking sand from his boots in El Paso, Texas, and barking out orders to the troops. Staff Sergeant Dawkins serves with the 108th Medical Battalion of the National Guard and can answer most of your questions if you're interested in volunteering...Did anyone else catch the photo and worthy commendation of **Herbie Munoz** in Volume 39 of **Transit News**?...Our former Chief Bus Instructor **Jim Thaxton** looked just as busy in the same issue as he did when he was here at North Park...Nice to see that perpetual smile of **Chellie Booth** who now works at 69th Street garage...**David Kettleson's** 11-year-old son, **Paul**, probably had a grin as big as dad's when he was awarded a special commemorative pin and silver puck by the Northern Illinois Amateur Hockey association...**Sterling Williams** and his wife, **Darlene**,



have a newborn son, **Jermaine**, who was born January 11. Being the dedicated husband and father that he is, Sterling was at the hospital this time just like he was during the births of his other two sons, **Sterling Jr.** and **Antoine**...New pensioners: **Frank Von Schwedler** who originally started at

the Devon Depot will look back on 38 years of service behind the wheel now that he has retired. Frank probably will have more time to devote to his VFW Post in Park Ridge, Illinois, of which he emphasizes is **THE** second largest in the United States. And just to keep Frank standing at attention, we must mention that his wife, **Elaine**, will be installed as the 4th District Auxiliary president this spring. Correspondence should be mailed to the home post in northwest suburban Des Plaines. Our



next retiree is **Ed Unrein**, who really, really will retire on MARCH FIRST, 1987. We mention 'really' because in an earlier issue of **Transit News**, we announced Ed's retirement effective January of this year, but he wouldn't let go of that steering wheel, and decided to help the other California operators make it through the winter. Ed has 26 years of bus driving to his credit and says he and his wife, **Opal**, will be driving to Orlando, Florida, to visit their son, **Ed Jr.**, and over to Fort Myers, Florida, to Opal's sister's place. If Ed ever lets go of that wheel, you can write him at their home in Wauconda, Illinois. We're going to miss you, Ed...Maybe our station magician **Sam Favre** is the one responsible for making the usual winter snow disappear? Sam mentions he performed at a party scheduled for two hours but the crowd wouldn't let him go until he did an extra two hours! Poof, poof and Sam disappeared... Just who is it that **Mary W.** is always calling Potato Head?..How does our #2 clerk **Hilteray McGee** manage to be so cheerful at his window at 5 a.m.?..Will the morning schedule man, **Sang Joo Kim**, go ice fishing soon and show us some **REAL** fish compared to the Grouch's recent pictorial display? Questions,

questions.. Remember when we told you A.M. clerk **Lynn Wilkerson** would be back? He's back...Your reporter, **Mike Flores**, went to Cleveland, Ohio, and sez Cleveland is



v-e-r-y nice!.. **Cedric (Dusty) Wright** finally stood still long enough to reveal his official time as a runner in the America's Marathon: 3 hours, 33 minutes. Not bad, Dusty, considering there were over 10,000 runners. You're getting there slowly but surely (smile)...A Case For Columbo? **Lee Richardson's** 9-month-old, blue-eyed baby kitten Prince was purloined, she reports. Does this make it an official Kat-Napping? H-m-m-m?

Mike Flores



Happy birthday wishes brought a catered affair for **Earl McGhee**, superintendent, Personnel and Benefits Investigations, compliments of his staff and co-workers. About 35 friends from various departments stopped by Room 1890 in the Merchandise Mart to wish Earl the best on his special day, January 16 (the actual day). Coordinating the event was **Mary Harper** of the Police Liaison Investigative unit, who did an outstanding job. Nobody is saying how many candles should have been on the big beautiful cake, but it really didn't matter because, with the ever suave Mr. Earl, age is only a number...Best wishes McGhee, and many many more.

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

Howard Andler, North Park
Harold Friedl, Claims

35 Years

Willie Jackson, Kedzie
Everett Odle, Forest Glen

30 Years

Aaron Amos, Kedzie
Darden Fuller, Rail Service
Lutene Hare, Utility
Thomas Walker, Elec. Engr./Maint.

25 Years

Robert Bystrek, Bldg./Grounds
Coy Causey, Sig., Phone & Radio
John Coleman Jr., Ashland
Walter Feulner, Budg. Mpower. & Adm.
Peter Gusch, Track & Roadway
James Haworth Jr., Equip. Tech. Svcs
William Haworth, Equip. Tech. Svcs.
James Jones, West Section
Robert Kinney, North Park
George Klein, 54th Maint. Term.
Richard Lorimer, Rail Veh. Term.
Norman Oswald, Schedules
Michael Philbin, General Maint.
Robert Revolt, General Maint.
Peter Schmanski, Forest Glen
Roger Torbik, Job Classification
Dorris Wilson Jr., Schedules
Gary Wilson, Sub-Ass'y/Elec.

February

45 Years

Herbert Schomer, Oper's Review
Edward Willeko, Howard/Kimball

40 Years

James Dohoney, Central Bus Dist.
Francis Hennigan, Support Serv.-Bus

35 Years

Peter Graf, Elec. Engr./Maint.
Frank Holley, Douglas/Congress
Clarence Knox, Douglas/Congress
Michael LaVelle, Transp. Services
Ardis Morris, Rail Pers.-South
Charles Nichols, Bus District C
Josephine O'Kray, Rev. Accounting

30 Years

Lampton Evans, Rail Pers.-South
Robert Fletcher, Kedzie
George Fuentes Jr., Bus Instruction
Horace Harris, Archer
Wallace Johnson, Cent. Bus Dist.
Johnnie MacDonald, South Section
Donald Mitchell, 77th Street
Joseph Roque, Forest Glen
Jesse Tucker, Utility
John Williams Jr., Kedzie

25 Years

Preston Brown, General Maint.
James Civito, Rail Syst. Janitors
Mark Dundovich, Rail Shops
Engelberta Gurgone, South Section
Francis Konopka, Forest Glen
Lazaro Lafita, Cent. Bus Dist.
Thomas Morrison, North Park
Vito Pontrelli, Motor Line
Dale Sledge, Rail Dist. West
James Whittle, Stores-South

Operations

The Operations Division would like to congratulate **Kathy Brabec**, administrative assistant, on her engagement to Raymond Perlick. To our surprise, Ray came to Kathy's office, roses in hand and down on his knee, to propose to her with a ring in the other hand. Best Wishes to them both...**Mary Marble**, agent controller, and her husband **Charles** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary aboard a Caribbean Cruise Liner. Mary says there was plenty of food available and festivities of all sorts at all times. Happy Anniversary...Congratulations to Control Center's Agent Controller **Karen King** and her new born son Johnathon...**Rosalyn Webb**, executive secretary, Training/Instruction department, was surprised by her friends and co-workers with a baby shower. Rosalyn is expecting her first child at the end of January...**CTA General Office Basketball Team**, coached by **Arless Jones**, **Daryl Lampkins** and **Chester Kidd**, won their first season game in a dominating 102 GO points to **Rail Blazers** 49 points. The CTA Basketball games are held at the

Washington Park gym. Come out and support your number one team...Control Center welcomes aboard **Craig Pease** as a newly appointed bus controller. Mr. Pease was a bus operator out of North Park. He has been employed at CTA since October 1973...Condolences to the Brabec Family (**Kathy**, Operations Division and **Connie**, Materials Management) on the death of their father **Edward Brabec**...Best Wishes to **Alex C. Johnson**, manager, Transportation Personnel, on his retirement after 40 years of service to CTA. We hope you enjoy yourself, and we want you to know that we will miss your friendly smile...**Joseph Tunzi**, supervisor, Administrative Services, retired from the CTA with 36 years of dedicated service. His co-workers will all miss him and wish him the best to come in his retirement...Happy Birthday to the December and January babies in the Control Center: **Corrine Dalmas**, **Sterling Martin**, **Jerry Johnson**, **John Betourne**, **Michael Sanchez**, **Joseph Piento**, **Stan Mihajlovic**, and **George Booker**.

Carol Musto



Representing Addison Trail High School's freshman class in the annual homecoming parade, October 11, was 14-year old Denise Bednarz, the beautiful granddaughter of retired Forest Glen operator John and Julie Bednarz. Denise, the daughter of Tom and Diane Bednarz, was crowned freshman queen.



Sweet 16

Sunday, December 14, 1986 is a day Maria Cecilia Hernandez, escorted by Henry Guillen, will always remember. It was the celebration of a life time for the Kalvin High School sophomore who was introduced into polite society with a "Sweet 16" grand ceremony, traditional in Mexico. Maria whose 16th birthday was December 4, is the daughter of Forest Glen bus operator Cecilio and Lucy Hernandez (left). Some 200 friends and family attended the gala event held at Tania Restaurant following a thanksgiving mass at Dios Peniel church, 2536 W. Division.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward H. Baker, 81, Transportation, Emp. 12-8-23, Died 11-6-86
Trygve C. Berg, 72, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-8-42, Died 11-20-86
David J. Bresnahan, 84, North Avenue, Emp. 11-16-28, Died 11-3-86
William T. Brison, 80, North Section, Emp. 1-8-46, Died 11-6-86
Patrick Broderick, 84, West Section, Emp. 12-16-21, Died 11-20-86
John A. Burns, 78, Rapid Transit Dist., Emp. 6-17-27, Died 11-7-86
Thomas Calante, 78, Purchasing, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 11-3-86
William Cook, 78, North Section, Emp. 1-20-42, Died 11-22-86
Horace C. Crawford, 60, West Shops, Emp. 2-8-51, Died 11-2-86
Peter H. Domet, 85, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-15-44, Died 11-4-86
John T. Fitzsimmons, 75, Plant Maint., Emp. 8-3-59, Died 11-13-86
John J. Gavin, 68, Beverly, Emp. 10-31-51, Died 11-22-86
Robert A. Gilmore, 88, Const. & Maint., Emp. 11-3-20, Died 11-7-86
Ernest J. Herring, 83, West Section, Emp. 10-29-42, Died 11-10-86
Sidney L. Jacobson, 77, Office Services, Emp. 12-9-42, Died 11-25-86

Otis J. Lamier, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 2-15-51, Died 11-2-86
Eugene C. Mazur, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-4-46, Died 11-10-86
Peter L. Mills, 83, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-17-86
Daniel A. Molinare, 80, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43, Died 10-29-86
George W. Nelson, 82, Beverly, Emp. 7-24-29, Died 11-5-86
Rodger Reed, 86, North Avenue, Emp. 1-12-25, Died 10-5-86
William A. Ruzich, 71, Plant Maint., Emp. 8-19-37, Died 11-13-86
Joseph Salamone, 66, Plant Maint., Emp. 11-28-47, Died 11-29-86
Frank Skrzynski, 69, Veh. Maint., Emp. 10-7-47, Died 11-19-86
Thomas J. Southern, 64, 69th Street, Emp. 11-20-58, Died 11-13-86
George H. Spencer, 83, West Section, Emp. 9-28-26, Died 10-29-86
Frank W. Stolarz, 70, South Shops, Emp. 7-24-42, Died 11-8-86
Edwin Szacki, 69, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-10-45, Died 11-17-86
Andrew Volpentesta, 88, Const. & Maint., Emp. 10-29-25, Died 11-8-86
Eugene A. Wrobel, 62, Oper's Planning, Emp. 5-17-46, Died 11-16-86

North Section

Thank you, **Grace Huff**, ticket agent, for sharing this picture of your four grandchildren with us. They are



(back row, left to right), Gary 5, and Grace 3; (in front, left to right), Kathy, aged 2, and Teddy 8 months. These children are real traffic stoppers...This must be the generation for gorgeous kids. Miss Jenny Powell, picture here,



is the daughter of **Michael Powell**, conductor, out of Howard Street. She celebrated her second birthday, December 11, with the help of her loving family...When **Ron Cheney**, Electrical Maintenance, heard that he allegedly eloped (eloped?) last month, he said, "Why no, I didn't elope. In fact, I haven't heard the word 'elope' used in the past 20 years." Ron is right about that. You just don't hear about people eloping anymore...It's good to see **Milton Roman**, foot collector, back on the job again after 11 weeks of illness.

Jo Anderson



(Photo courtesy Star Publications)

Bus operator **David Bonds, Jr.** (left), 69th Street garage, past master of Monarch Lodge 99, F&AM, accepts a proclamation from south suburban Homewood Village President **Manny Hoffman** honoring the masonic lodge for its humanitarian service. The presentation was made during the lodge's recent 66th anniversary celebration at the Homewood Sheraton Inn. In the background are (from left) Senior Warden **Willie Lawler**, bus operator, Beverly Garage, and **Leonard Frazier**, steward.

Retirements

Cornelius L. Allen, Beverly, 30 yrs.
Daniel M. Allen, 69th Street, 36 yrs.
Juan F. Alvarez, North Park, 11 yrs.
Glenn M. Andersen, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 36 yrs.
Frank C. Bailey, Archer, 27 yrs.
Frank E. Barker, Operations Planning, 40 yrs.
Charles H. Barnes Jr., 77th Street, 28 yrs.
Alfred Berry, Madison/Wabash, 30 yrs.
Jan Broda, Skokie Shops, 33 yrs.
Richard G. Brown, West Shops, 17 yrs.
Stanley E. Brown, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
Walter Campbell, 77th Street, 35 yrs.
Thomas W. Cook, 69th Street, 25 yrs.
Odessa K. Danielley, 63rd/Ashland, 27 yrs.
Arlene B. Daugherty, Mtrls. Mgmt., 25 yrs.
Rodman G. Daugherty, Mtrls. Mgmt., 31 yrs.
Bart B. Davis, Forest Glen, 31 yrs.
Herbert D. Dillard, 63rd/Ashland, 35 yrs.
Travis W. Dixon, 77th Street, 35 yrs.
Martin R. Dzincioloski, Kedzie, 31 yrs.
William L. Eberhart, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 25 yrs.
Wilbert Ellison, North Park, 25 yrs.
Curtis L. English, Forest Glen, 29 yrs.
Mitchell P. Fackez, Skokie Shops, 35 yrs.
George R. Ferguson, 69th Street, 35 yrs.
Horace Flournoy Jr., 77th Street, 33 yrs.
Robert Foreman Jr., Equip. Engr. & Maint., 38 yrs.
John M. Gorman, North Rail, 27 yrs.
John J. Harrington, Fin. Acctg. & Analysis, 10 yrs.
Ruth F. Havlik, Planning & Dvlp., 35 yrs.

Clamie C. Herman, 77th Street, 28 yrs.
Claude Herring, 77th Street, 15 yrs.
George E. Hindson, West Shops, 11 yrs.
Charles A. Hollingsworth, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Stanley B. Janasek, South Shops, 44 yrs.
Alex C. Johnson, Transp. Personnel, 40 yrs.
Joseph Johnson, Beverly, 33 yrs.
Robert Johnson, Archer, 32 yrs.
Andrew B. Jones Jr., Beverly, 34 yrs.
James N. Jones, 69th Street, 25 yrs.
Andrew J. Karkoska, Beverly, 37 yrs.
Robert L. Kennedy, 77th Street, 38 yrs.
Joseph A. Lacy, West Shops, 39 yrs.
Robert Lewis, Kedzie, 26 yrs.
Vertis Lindsey, Racine Shop, 17 yrs.
Willard Lindsey, Beverly, 32 yrs.
Theodore Love Jr., Archer, 36 yrs.
Stuart W. Maginnis, Washington Garage, 36 yrs.
Everett G. Martin, Forest Glen, 27 yrs.
William J. McCarthy, Beverly, 38 yrs.
Rufus E. Meeks, 69th Street, 30 yrs.
Maurice M. Miller, Limits, 25 yrs.
W. B. Moore, Lawndale, 30 yrs.
Patrick O'Sullivan, South Shops, 38 yrs.
Patrick C. Owens, 77th Street, 38 yrs.
Frank Papaleo, South Shops, 25 yrs.
Samuel D. Patton, North Avenue, 29 yrs.
Benjamin Perkins, 77th Street, 35 yrs.
Walter S. Raffa, O'Hare, 38 yrs.
Walter L. Rakauskis, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Daniel Rios, Kedzie, 10 yrs.
Edward H. Roncick, West Shops, 6 yrs.
Dorothy L. Rose, Administration, 11 yrs.

January

Clara A. Sala, Lake/Harlem, 27 yrs.
Malcolm C. Simpson, West Shops, 40 yrs.
Benjamin Smith, 77th Street, 28 yrs.
Thomas F. Spencer, 77th Street, 36 yrs.
Arthur G. Springer, Beverly, 25 yrs.
Edward Steed, Forest Glen, 26 yrs.
Randolph E. Stewart, 77th Street, 29 yrs.
Ralph M. Stuart, 77th Street, 31 yrs.
Thomas D. Sulzer, Blue Island, 25 yrs.
Thomas A. Tadevic, South Shops, 39 yrs.
Joseph V. Tunzi, Oper's. Adm. Svcs., 36 yrs.
Ted Ulsay, North Avenue, 32 yrs.
John G. Vogt, Beverly, 33 yrs.
Frank A. Von Schwedler, North Park, 38 yrs.
Jerome Walker, Limits, 30 yrs.
Herbert Williams, Beverly, 29 yrs.
Fred A. Wilson, West Shops, 44 yrs.
Edmond E. Wojcieszak, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 16 yrs.
Gordon Woods, Lawndale, 35 yrs.
Myron H. Woods, Training Center, 27 yrs.
Lester Wright, 69th Street, 25 yrs.

Disabilities

Norman D. Bolden, 77th Street, 11 yrs.
Phillip Branch, Kedzie, 17 yrs.
Spurag L. Foster Jr., 77th Street, 23 yrs.
Sammy Lee Jr., 61st Street, 11 yrs.
Millard E. Mabry, West Shops, 12 yrs.
Patricia Marshall, North Park, 11 yrs.
Mary McIntosh, 77th Street, 8 yrs.
Joseph D. Millelo, Forest Glen, 24 yrs.
Ricky L. Witt, Forest Glen, 13 yrs.

General Office

Rear brake lights, which we see on every bus and take for granted these days, were not a part of the very early streetcars, a fact verified by an employee or two who still remember that vintage public transportation vehicle. However, absence of rear stop lights on the early streetcars became a matter of concern for **Mrs. Mabel B. King**, a public spirited Chicagoan whose keen interest in public safety prompted her to write a letter (Dec. 27, 1940) to Mayor Edward J. Kelly suggesting that such luminary fixtures should be on all streetcars. The mayor brought Mrs. King's letter to the attention of then Transportation Chairman **James R. Quinn** (later CTA Board vice chairman) who urged a study by



North Park Bus Operator Barry Smith thought he and his wife, Jackie, had finished all of their Christmas shopping, but Barry had to hurry back to the store for more gifts since the letter decided to arrive a little early. The little one they were expecting in the new year arrived instead on December 22. The Smiths are now the proud parents of another little girl whom they named Kamana Frances. The baby was born at Evanston hospital, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Waiting at home to welcome her little sister was big sister, Larissa who is 2 years old.

Major R.F. Kelker, Jr., engineer for the Committee on Local Transportation. Although the study did not warrant modifying existing streetcars to accommodate the rear lights as proposed by Mrs. King, replacement cars were indeed equipped with rear brake lights. Mrs. King, the mother-in-law of the late **Mel Alexander**, Public Affairs production assistant, received the grateful acknowledgement and thanks of the mayor's office for her interest in traffic safety...Librarian **Ruth Beutler** has a new grandson. He is Christopher Ecosta, born October 13, and tipping the scales at 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Six-year old Bradley, Christopher's older brother, was at school when the little guy

arrived...Condolences to the family of **Kathy (Stranor) Lyckberg**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, whose father, retired CTA painter **Otto Richard Krueger**, died suddenly.



Remember when controller Tessa Gaines and her Chicago Police detective husband, Ronald were surprised by "the stork's announcement of a new blessed event, and remember last summer when Tessa's co-workers surprised her again with a baby shower, and sent her off to her room to wait for the grand arrival? Well!!!! that was a few months ago, and of course since the little Miss Tiffany Dorothy Marie Gaines made her world debut on July 23, but Tessa's co-workers missed the introduction. Sooo folks, here'sss Tiffany. A little late, but better late than never. Others popping buttons over Tiffany are 77th Street bus operator and Mrs. George McCoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaines, the proud grandparents.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Terry McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance, and the **Murphy** family in the loss of their mother, **Mrs. Denyse Murphy**. She was the wife of CTA retiree **Timothy Murphy**, and the mother of **Dennis**, Customer Assistance; **Mrs. Louise Muhr**, General Accounting, and **Mrs. Chris Denlinger**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance...Mr. **Peter J. Meinardi**, retired General Administration manager who passed recently, is remembered for his smiling face and his friendliness to all CTA employees. He always had time to say hello. Our sympathy to his family...Thanks to all for the kindness shown to **Ted Szwec**, supervisor, Signal Maintenance who is recovering after a heart attack...Congratulations to **Frank E. Barker**, director, Street Traffic/Graphics upon his retirement. A farewell dinner was held at the Como Inn...Congratulations are also in order for retirees **Glenn Andersen**, **Ruth Havlik**, **Stu Maginnis**, **Joe Tunzi**, and **Alex Johnson**...**Kay Corcoran**,

Treasury, is now the proud owner of a condo. We all wish her well...**Alice Miller Wienski**, an employee of long ago, was back to visit friends recently. Alice left 20 years ago, and looks younger than ever...**John Gritis**, retired supervisor, Reproduction Services, surprised us with a telephone call. John is doing fine and wants to be remembered to all his friends...A retirement party for **Rodman Daugherty** and me was held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. Approximately 130 guests attended and shared in the festivities of this most unusual double retirement. Thanks to the efforts of **Linda Poetsch**, it was the retirement party of the year. Her assistants are to be commended for all their help to make this event a big success...Since this is my last article for Transit News, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supplying me with information for my column and to say goodbye to you. Working for CTA for 25 years has enabled me to meet and make many friends. I hope these friendships will continue, and that I will hear from you in the future. CTA has been good to me in many respects. It has afforded me the opportunity to travel throughout the world, and most recently and more importantly, it has brought about the meeting of a special man, Rod Daugherty. Both of us wish you good health, and as much happiness as we have now. Keep those buses and trains rolling so we can continue to receive our retirement checks.

Arlene Zittman Daugherty

Skokie Shop

Paint shop foreman **Jan Broda** and his leader, **Mitch Faczek**, were honored December 19 at a retirement party. More than 100 guests attended the affair which was held at Lido's. Music was provided by DJ **John Gurreri** of Warehouse 42...Christmas Day was very special for electrical foreman **Muzio Ficarella**. His wife gave birth to an 8½ pound daughter, **Maria Angella**. Muzio is a little shaky but mom and baby are doing fine. Congratulations Muzio...Kudos to **Charles Olcikas** for his recent promotion to paint shop foreman.

**Stan Warchol
and Steve Wickert**

Archer

Congratulations to Supervisor **James Edward Mott** of District B who was selected to be included among recipients of the 1986 Outstanding Young Men of America award. He was recognized for his community volunteer work which has included serving as second vice president of the Kensington Community Council, and a number of community relations boards throughout the city. He has also worked with his aldermanic and congressional representatives. Archer is very proud of Mr. Mott, and we extend to him our hearty congratulations, and best wishes...Congratulations are also in order for newly weds



"BANDITS"



Lee R. Davis and **Joanne Loggints** who were married Dec. 6, and **Percy Anderson** and **Ruth Adkins**, married Dec. 26...Operator **Nedeljko Nikolic** and his wife, Vesna are the proud parents of **Kristina**, their first born, who weighed 7 pounds, and was 19¼ inches long when she was born Nov. 16...Wow! look at what **Joe Sernek** bagged during his four-



KRISTINA NIKOLIC

week vacation at Moose Lake, Wis. Joe downed this 180 pound buck with an accurate bow-n-arrow shot...Get a load of the "Bandits," Archer's baseball team. Seated in the front row are (left to right) **Alfred Taylor**, **Arthur Johnson**, **Joe Bustos**, **Johnny Jenkins**, and **David (Toby) Johnson**; Second row: **Otto Sullivan**, **James Millard**, **Andre**



JOE SERNEK

Brown, Glen (Spankie) Carpenter, and **Phil Cheathan**. Standing: **Eulozio Fuentes**, **Edith Sellers**, **Gil Singleton**, team manager; **Pete Stikkelis**, **Joe Carter**, **Charles Lyons**, **Ken Ducree**, **L. Bell**, **Darryl Stone**, Coach **James Bradley**, **Clarence (Skip) Webb**, and **Willie Young**. **Ollie Hoskins**



PERCY ANDERSON & RUTH ADKINS



Seabees

Experience as journeymen carpenters with CTA is reaping benefits in a second career for **Walter Anderson** (left) and **Scott Stone** of the 61st Street Carpentry shop. The two don uniforms of the U.S. Navy Reserve at least one weekend each month and report for duty with Detachment 1625 of the U.S. Navy Seabees based in Forest Park. Each man holds the rate of Builder Third Class and participates in training which enhances their knowledge and skills in their CTA jobs. **Anderson**, a Navy veteran of 12 years service (24 with CTA), is the unit's Operations petty officer. He is continuing a career which he started with the active Navy. **Stone** who has been in the Navy's service for two and a half years, and 13 years with CTA, is the unit's Training petty officer. "I joined the Navy only recently to learn other aspects of the building trade, and to get some extra experience as well as to travel," said **Stone**. He was graduated number one in a class of 34 Navy personnel who were enrolled in an Advanced Pay Grade course in New Orleans, and has been recommended for the Navy Achievement Medal in recognition of his academic success.

Operations sets plans for 1987 competitions

Operating employees are encouraged to contact garage and terminal superintendents for 1987 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup or Ticket Agent TieUp applications.

Preparation for the annual events are underway as the

Operations Division named competition chairmen. **Thomas Wilson**, superintendent, Bus Instruction, continues as chairman of the Bus Rodeo event, while **James Zepp**, assistant superintendent, Rail Instruction, will head the 1987 Third Rail

Roundup contest.

Named as chairman of the Ticket Agent TieUp competition was **John Perkins**, acting superintendent, Limits Training Center.

Competition Schedule

	Bus Rodeo	Third Rail Roundup	Ticket Agent TieUp
Applications Accepted	March 01 thru March 14	March 15 thru March 28	March 01 thru March 14
Eligible Applicants' Names Posted	March 23	April 12	March 30
Written Tests Administered	March 30 thru April 11	April 19 thru May 2	March 30 thru April 11
Preliminary Competition	June 7 thru June 14	May 10 thru May 23	April 26 thru May 17
Finalists' Names Posted	June 28	June 7	June 1
Final Competition	July 11	June 28	June 28



THOMAS WILSON



JAMES ZEPP



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Photo display highlights CTA workers



Raymond Ramirez, Jr.
Car Repairer
98th Street Shop
Testing control group

Just what are those photos on the walls along the corridor of the seventh floor at the Merchandise Mart all about?

They are all about people—CTA employees who move this city. Thus far, the pictures represent only a few of the outstanding employees who make things happen, and keep our stock rolling for the convenience of the riding public.

Included is a cross section of maintenance and operations personnel. Some have previously been recognized as "Striving for Excellence" honorees, or as participants in the annual Bus Rodeo or other competitive programs. Others are simply outstanding employees who work quietly behind

the scenes as support personnel. They are people we should all know.

The employees whose photos are on display were selected by their superintendents. There will be other photos of employees on display as efforts are continued to highlight CTA's most important assets—our employees.



Employees honor superintendents with new award

Tables of recognition were turned recently as two south side rail superintendents were honored as outstanding by south area ticket agents.

Superintendents **Jim McLane**, 63rd and Ashland, and **Miles Smith**, 61st Street, were each recipients of the all new "Silver Token" award for January and February, respectively.

Agent **Fannie Williams**, a CTA employee for 18 years, said the Silver Token will be awarded monthly to the south side superintendent who receives the most votes. A notice to south side employees from Williams, and co-chairman **Rodolfo Chavez** urges all south side employees to get involved. The 25th day of each month will be the deadline for submitting names for consideration, Ms. Williams said. She and her co-chairman said a box to receive nominations may be placed in the south side terminals.

Williams and Chavez said the Silver Token award was born out of south section agents' desire to promote better communications between middle management and employees. "Besides," said Williams, "the superintendents need to feel appreciated for their efforts as well as anyone else." She said it is hoped the idea will catch on system-wide.

McLane, a CTA employee for 25 years, recalled the early days of his superintendency when his approach to his job was different from his present management approach. "After I went through the management program, I got a good look at myself and I discovered a different way of doing things. I found that 'thank you' and 'please' go a long way towards getting things accomplished," he said.

Smith, a CTA employee for 29 years, said, "I'm pleased to receive this award. If I've done anything to receive it, it is because the opportunity was there. We always try to improve conditions for our employees."

Each plaque, handmade by Ms. Williams, exhibits a large silver token highlighted by a black background. The plaques are inscribed with the recipient's name and the message, "He tries to get the job done."



Superintendents **Jim McLane** (second, left), 63rd and Ashland, and **Miles Smith**, 61st Street, were the first recipients of the new Silver Token award presented by ticket agents **Rodolfo Chavez** (left), and **Fannie Williams**.

Transit analyst Hank Wilson dies suddenly

Henry (Hank) Wilson, 57, transit analyst 4, Operations Planning, died Sunday, April 5 at Michael Reese hospital after he suffered an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Wilson joined CTA on May 2, 1969 following a brief employment with the U.S. Postal Service. He began his transit career as a rapid transit motorman and was assigned to Operations Planning as a traffic checker on Oct. 14, 1974.

Charles Arndt, superintendent, Facilities and Equipment Planning, said of Wilson, "Hank knew the rail system as a motorman, and he had a good ear for listening. You could also depend on him to keep things around the office on an up beat. He was part of the glue here, and we will certainly miss him."



Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, a son, Anthony, who is employed as a CTA bus servicer, three daughters, Deborah, Denise, and Darlene; two grandsons, Marcus and Dejuan, and his mother, Mrs. Rosie Johnson.

Human Resources deputy brings new job approach

The first thing you realize on meeting **Ben Garrett**, CTA's new deputy executive director for Human Resources, is that this soft spoken man is sensitive to the needs of people, and he believes in the team concept of operating. He also knows how to listen.

His agenda of things to do brings a fresh outlook and promise to CTA, and it is sure to benefit employees as well as the riding public. His shirt sleeve approach not only promises to improve efficiency of operation, but it also promises to boost the worker's morale.

Garrett arrived Feb. 4 after retiring from American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) where he spent 30 years in production and human



resource management. Prior to joining CTA as deputy executive director for Human Resources, he held a similar position with the City of Chicago. Initially he was a CTA management consultant, but joined the Authority full-time at the behest of Executive Director Robert Paaswell.

"I want to bring about a more efficient operation in the area of Human Resources," Garrett said of his plans for CTA. "I want CTA to be a model for other properties. There is no job that cannot be improved upon," he said.

Expressing a desire to make some constructive changes, he said he wants CTA managers to be creative. "I want them to be innovative as we look to the future. I believe in the team approach.

"This is a good place to work which is evident by the employment longevity of so many people here. I want to utilize the experience of those people because there is so much here to draw upon. I don't believe in operating in a vacuum, and I don't pretend to have all the answers. That is why I listen to people."

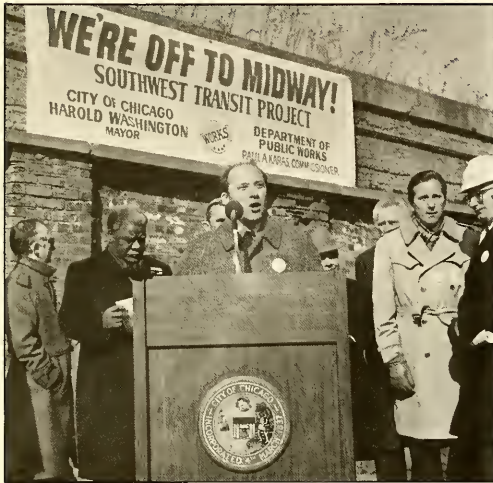
A native Chicagoan, Garrett is a graduate of Roosevelt University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting. He served his apprenticeship years in the production ranks of the communications industry with Western Electric/AT&T, and Illinois Bell. He spent the last 15 years of that career in a variety of human resource management jobs from equal opportunity coordinator to specialized recruiting, and labor relations.

Garrett and his wife, Rodina, a cosmologist, are the parents of two sons and a daughter. The family resides on Chicago's south side.



Mayor Harold Washington joins officials at the Hospital of Englewood in congratulating Charles and Linda Johnson (right), who are the proud parents of Chicago's first sesquicentennial baby, Christina Joy Johnson, born at 12:01 a.m. and 10 seconds on March 4, the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the city. At left is "Baby's 1st Wheels", a baby carriage presented to the parents by CTA.

Southwest Transit groundbreaking ceremony



CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** joins Mayor Harold Washington at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Southwest Rapid Transit line. The \$496 million project is expected to be complete by 1993.

Mayor Harold Washington presided over the Feb. 9 official groundbreaking of the \$496 million Southwest Rapid Transit line project near Archer Avenue and Wallace on the southwest side.

The new line is expected to provide CTA riders with an easy access between the Loop and Midway Airport, and the southwest side. Of all the major areas of the City of Chicago, the southwest side is presently the only area without rapid transit service.

The southwest transit line will operate along nine miles between Midway Airport and Roosevelt Road. The line will include eight station stops of Midway at 59th Street, Pulaski and 51st Street, Kedzie and 49th Street, Western and 49th Street, Leavitt and 35th Street, Ashland and 31st Street, Halsted and Archer, and State and Roosevelt.

It is estimated that daily ridership will be about 118,000 patrons which will relieve downtown bus congestion and high transit operating costs. Completion of the project is expected in 1993.

Present for the groundbreaking ceremonies were CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**; Linda Wheeler, Illinois Department of Transportation; Congressman William Lipinski; Chicago Public Works Commissioner Paul Karas, project coordinator; and Joel Ettinger, Regional Administrator for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The project is funded by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Public Safety Awards

Michael McCarthy (left), principal public safety analyst, presents the fourth quarter Interstation Public Safety plaque to Forest Glen superintendent **Hugh Masterson**. Area Superintendent **Clark Carter** (right) was on hand to congratulate Forest Glen employees for their record of 26 accident-free days during the quarter, which earned them the Public Safety award for the 15th time. Topping all rail facilities for the PSA was Douglas terminal (below), where Public Safety Manager **Tom Boyle**, flanked by Superintendent **David Curry** (right), and assistant superintendents (from left) **William Miller** and **Roosevelt Corey**, present the coveted PSA plaque. Douglas earned the award for the 11th time in the terminal's history with 90 accident-free days in the fourth quarter.



Transportation planning forum at University of Chicago

The University of Chicago Center for Urban Research and Policy Studies will sponsor the 1987 Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research, which will be held at the university on May 29.

The forum will be held in the Social Science Administration building, 969 East 60th Street. Keynote speaker for the occasion will be New York City Transit Authority President David Gunn. CTA Operations Planning Manager **Harold Hirsch** will be the luncheon speaker.

The conference will address 11 issues of primary concern to purveyors of public transportation from planning and

fares to suburban congestion and geographic information systems. CTA participants will include **Ray Chwasz** and **Andrew Suggs**, Operations Planning who will present a paper on *Automatic Passenger Counter Systems*; **Norman Hall**, Strategic Planning, and **Larry Anderson**, Capital Development, will present a paper on *A Method to Analyze the Equity of Spatial and Mode Differentiated Transit Fares*.

Other CTA authors presenting papers will be **Paul Olenski**, director, Management Information Systems whose paper will concern the *Anatomy of an Office Automation System*.

Harry Hirsch and **Peter Farenwald** of Operations Planning are the co-authors of *The Analysis of Future Loop Elevated Operations*, a paper which will also be presented at the forum. Evaluating the session on Joint Development and Facilities Planning will be **Fritz Petzold** of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance.

Persons wishing to take advantage of advance registration for \$30 should contact Julie Montague, administrative director, University of Chicago Center for Urban Research and Policy Studies, telephone 702-1037. Registration at the door will be \$35.

FRENCH VISITORS



Michael Rousselot (seated left) president of the Paris Transit Authority (RATP), stopped in Chicago recently with an entourage of French transit officials and their U.S. affiliates to share information with their American counterparts about transit operations. Next to Rousselot are **Maurice Ernst** (center) chairman of RATP's engineering subsidiary, SOFRETU, and **Jean-Francois Bougard**, SOFRETU executive vice president. Directing the group's overview of CTA activities were **Harold Hirsch** (standing left), Operations Planning Manager, and Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell**, who was host of the event. To Paaswell's left are **Jean-Pierre Raguenau**, RATP director of rolling stock; **Harold Geissenheimer**, vice president of IS Transit Systems, Inc., and former CTA General Operations Manager; and **Joseph Famiglietti**, vice president of Impell Corp., an LSTS affiliate.

Communications Liaison

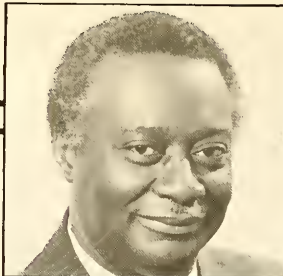


Cynthia Florence, superintendent II, Operations Division, has been named communications liaison for Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**. The executive director has emphasized maintaining a line of communication with all employees. As his representative, Ms. Florence will visit various work locations to hear from employees who may have suggestions for providing a more efficient, safe and reliable service for the riding public, and for making CTA the best it can be.

New appointments announced



ELONZO HILL



JOHN WEATHERSPOON



JOHN W. DAVIS



RONALD TUCK



JON ROTH

Elonzo Hill, former manager Training/Instruction, has been named manager of Transportation Personnel, succeeding Alex Johnson who retired in January.

Hill, who now heads CTA's largest department with over 7,000 employees, began his 26-year CTA career as a bus operator, and was promoted through the transportation ranks from supervisor to his present position. He is a graduate of Tilden high school and holds certificates of training in various aspects of transportation management from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Northeastern University at Boston, and the Transportation Safety Institute (Buses), U.S. Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City.

John Weatherspoon, former director, Classification and Employment Administration, has been named director, Transportation Personnel Administration. In his new responsibilities, Weatherspoon directs the planning and administration of the rail and bus personnel sections of the Transportation Personnel department, Operations Division.

Weatherspoon also began his 26

years of CTA service as a bus operator. Subsequently, he was elected President of Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

John Davis has been appointed manager, Joint Development, reporting to the deputy executive director of Planning, Marketing and Development. He will direct revenue enhancement methods through land use planning for CTA's vacant or abandoned properties.

Davis joined CTA in 1984 as manager of Strategic Planning and was subsequently named corporate development officer. He attended the Chicago Technical College, where he studied tool and design engineering. He is a licensed real estate broker with a diploma from the Real Estate Institute in Chicago. He is also a certified assessor and appraiser.

In other announced appointments, **Ronald Tuck** was named director, Human Resources/Benefit Services Administration. He had previously served as a Personnel Administration classification and compensation specialist.

Tuck began his 20-year career as a rail conductor. He is a graduate of

Northeastern Illinois University, where he earned a baccalaureate degree in sociology. He has also done graduate work in personnel management at Northeastern.

In his current responsibilities Tuck heads a new staff function which will conduct personnel administrative concerns and serves as a liaison reporting directly to the deputy executive director of Human Resources and Benefit Services.

In the Capital Development area, **Jon Roth**, former superintendent, Special Services Planning, has been appointed director of Private Sector Plans and Programs, reporting to the manager of Capital Development.

Roth is responsible for the planning and development of new programs conducted for CTA by the private sector. He also supervises planning, policy and budget for paratransit programs for the disabled.

Roth joined CTA in 1974 as a research analyst and was subsequently named planner I, planner II, and principal planner. He graduated from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis.

Outstanding performance gets Day in CTA kudos

Seven Operations employees were recent "Day in CTA" honorees, receiving special recognition for their extraordinary job performance, and their demonstrated concern for public safety.

Honored were District D supervisors **Marselino Miranda**, and **Sandor Barath**, District A supervisor **Monroe Jackson**, North Park operator **Reginald Edwards**, and O'Hare terminal motormen **Hosie Brown** and **Larry Buford**, and switchman **Lawrence Balark**.

The alert response of **Marselino Miranda** and **Sandor Barath** is credited with saving eight North Park buses from fire damage. The vehicles were parked along the fence at North Park as flames from a fire in the lumber yard behind the bus garage were reaching under the fence. The two supervisors rallied immediate help and moved the buses to safety.

In another incident involving a fire, the crew and a third employee aboard a northbound O'Hare train were praised for swiftly evacuating 40 passengers from their train as fire was discovered under one of the cars. Motorman **Hosie Brown**, conductor **William Thomas**, and switchman **Lawrence Balark** assisted riders in evacuating the train safely.

O'Hare motorman **Larry Buford** received the praises of his supervisors after he was able to stop his train in time to avoid hitting a man who had climbed from the Chicago Avenue platform onto the tracks. Buford notified the control center, and police were dispatched to the scene, where the man was taken into custody.

In another tense situation handled efficiently by an alert bus operator, operator **Reginald Edwards** of North Park garage received the accolades of his supervisors for the manner in which he conducted himself, and for the safe



Motorman **Larry Buford**, switchman **Lawrence Balark**, and District A bus supervisor **Monroe Jackson** received certificates of recognition as "Day in CTA" honorees.

evacuation of the passengers on his bus, after a deranged man who boarded the northbound bus at Homan and Washington pulled a pistol and ordered the operator to deviate from his route. Instead, Edwards depressed the emergency alarm.

The bus was intercepted by a police squad. Officers entered the bus through the rear door, allowing passengers to exit the vehicle quickly as police brought the situation under control. Operator Edwards' response to the situation is credited with possibly saving the lives of CTA patrons and averting serious injury.

District A supervisor **Monroe Jackson** was also recognized for unsnarling northbound traffic along Jeffery Boulevard from 73rd to 66th Street, while working a district car in the area. He removed a 30-foot pole from the intersection at 66th Street, instead of waiting for a municipal crew to handle it.

The pole had been knocked over and into the intersection by a motorist, causing it to block traffic. Supervisor Jackson's initiative to remove the pole is credited with minimizing delays for four bus routes along Jeffery Boulevard.



"Day in CTA" honorees were management's special luncheon guests at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club following a tour of CTA's operational facilities. The honorees and their hosts are (from left) District D supervisors **Sandor Barath** and **Marsilino Miranda**; O'Hare motorman **Hosie Brown**; **Michael LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services; North Park operator **Reginald Edwards**; **David Martin**, manager, Operations Communications/Power Control, and **Edward Mitchell**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction.

Charles Young (77th Street garage) was called "the most considerate, friendly and courteous driver I have ever had the pleasure of riding with," by Sarah Roberson, of East 45th Street. "This young man waited for me while I ran across the street with my five-month-old godson. He greeted everyone who got on and off the (No. 6 Jeffery) bus. He was even kind enough to help one old lady get on and off with her packages, and his driving was excellent. He wasn't hitting any bumps or knocking the passengers that were standing onto the ones who were sitting. Please let him know what a wonderful job he is doing."



Ramon Rincon (North Section) was applauded by Lois Dan, of North Sheridan Road, for the way he handled his duties as conductor of a Howard train. "At each stop, he pleasantly announced the name of the station, enunciating so he could be clearly understood. He also announced that this was an 'A' train. Upon reaching Howard, he said, 'This is Howard, the end of the line. Have a pleasant evening.' He is to be commended. I have written the CTA a number of times to complain about things that are wrong with the system or its employees, so I feel I should do the same when things are right."

Johnny Dickerson (North Park garage) "is perhaps one of the best drivers employed by the CTA," according to Rose Klonowski, of North Dearborn Street, who was a rider on his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "He is conscientious and polite, and demonstrates daily that route schedules can be maintained. I know I can depend on his bus arriving promptly every morning. This driver also brings a sense of humanness to his work. He knows almost every passenger by sight, as well as where they board and depart his bus. He does his job exceedingly well, and makes it a pleasure to utilize your service."

Christopher Crosswright (South Section) was complimented by William Sarris, of Dayton, Ohio, who was visiting a relative in Chicago. "I traveled downtown with my cousin. One of the things that impressed me most was the fact that CTA still has the most professional team anywhere. We rode the 'L' from the Howard station to Washington. On the way back, after shopping and enjoying the sights, we met a very helpful, friendly and professional conductor who assisted us with information and reflected the overall integrity of the best transit system in the U.S. He deserves credit for his performance and demeanor. I always enjoy your city and especially riding the CTA."

Gregory Cobbs (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express bus ridden by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sloan, of North Lake Shore Drive. "Not only was he outstandingly polite to us, but his wonderful way of explaining fares and how to get to places to out-of-towners who boarded on Michigan Avenue was just great. Just before Erie Street he avoided an accident with a careless cab driver. He was so skillful that the bus passengers broke out in applause. He is a terrific public relations man for the CTA."

Allan Frazier (Limits garage) was appreciated by Marci Huch, of North Wells Street, who was a rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "I heard and saw a commotion on the bus. I don't know what transpired before, but the driver was talking to a passenger who had a knife in his hand. The driver insisted that the passenger leave the bus. The guy finally left, and I boarded with the rest of the passengers at the stop. Not only did the driver greet all the passengers with a smile and hello, but he seemed calm and unshaken by the incident. He was great. He makes me feel safe riding the CTA. He stood up for himself and the safety of the other passengers."

William Spencer (77th Street garage) was the operator of a No. 4 Cottage Grove bus ridden one evening by Barbara Maxon, of Maryland Avenue. "A man snatched my purse and started to go out the front door, but the bus driver saw him and closed the doors just as the man tried to get out. The man tried several times to get out, but to no avail. He then headed for the back door, but was tripped. He fell and dropped my purse. I got everything back. The people on the bus were helpful, but if it had not been for the driver, I would not have been so fortunate."

Joseph Maryland (Limits garage) was commended by Lewis Colburn, who heads a company on North Dearborn Street. "I boarded a northbound No. 36 bus at Grand, and observed the driver continuously to the Maple Street stop. At each stop, the driver announced the name of the street and the next stop. He made every effort to bring the bus as close to the curb as possible, despite illegally parked cars. He also managed to avoid blocking other traffic in the northbound lane. When he was unable to stop at the curb, he would caution departing passengers to be careful leaving the bus. I appreciate his concern."

Smoking or nonsmoking

One of the most controversial subjects concerning the work environment today is the issue of smoking, and whether or not there should be a nonsmoking policy.

Recognizing that there are strong feelings on the subject, and in an effort to address the issue, a survey, sponsored by the Promotional Services section, is included in this issue of Transit News, and may be found on pages 15 and 16.

Your opinions on the subject are important and count only if you make them known. You are encouraged to participate in the survey as CTA begins to look at the concept of a nonsmoking policy. Your completed survey should be returned to Carol Van Gorp, CTA Promotional Services, Room 734, Merchandise Mart.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Angel Adorno, Forest Glen
Douglas Alexander, 77th Street
Sherron Alexander, Limits
Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
James Allen, Howard/Kimball
Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball
Ora Amos, Limits
Robert Armstrong, Forest Park

Donald Baber, Central Counting
Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Bobby Barry, North Park
Angel Beenn, Archer
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
John Booker, Kedzie
Willie Borders, Kedzie
Michael Bragg, 69th Street
Steven Branch, Archer
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Bernard Brown, 69th Street
Robert Brownlow, North Park

Jean Cage, North Park
Michael Caldwell, 77th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Bennie Caridine, Kedzie
Glenn Carpenter, Forest Glen
Anthony Ceriale, Forest Glen
Muhammad Chaudri, North Park
Kevin Clancy, North Park
Patricia Cobb, 69th Street
Harold Collins, Kedzie
Harold Croner, Forest Glen
Angel Cruz, North Park
Armando Cuesta, North Park

Vincent Dawson, Limits
Robert Dering, West Section
Roberto Diaz, North Park
Jose Diaz, Limits
Robert Dillard, North Park
Brian Dollar, North Park
Recardo Douglas, Forest Glen

Harold Evans, Limits

Edward Farmer, 77th Street
Emiliano Feliciano, Limits
James Franklin, Archer

Tommie Garner, North Park
Ricardo Gonzalez, North Park
Douglas Green, Beverly
James Green, Ashland

Horace Hall, 77th Street
Wonda Hall, North Park
Judy Hall, Jefferson Park
Earl Harrington, North Avenue
Melton Harris, Archer
Jonas Harris Jr., North Park
Georgia Harris-Bennett, North Park
Richard Hoffman, Kedzie
John Hopkins, 77th Street
Jesse Howard, 77th Street

Zeke Jagst, North Park
Willie James, North Park
Robert James, Ashland
Charles Jessie, Limits
Frank Jones, 69th Street
Howard Jones, Archer

Martin Kane, Howard/Kimball
Mary Ketchum, Forest Glen
Ajaz Khan, North Park
Thomas Kissel, North Park
James Kolstad, Beverly

Alfred Lee, Limits
Oscar Leon, Forest Glen
Jesus Limas, North Park

Ubaldo Macias, North Park
Bobby Manns, Ashland
Earnest Marsalis, Archer
Cornelius Marshall, North Park
Jeanette Martin, 77th Street
Charles Martin, Archer
John McBroom Jr.,
Douglas/Congress

Cleophus McGee, 77th Street
Wilbert Mooney, Kedzie
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Eugene Motyka, Jefferson Park

James Nelson, North Park
Thomas Palma, North Avenue
William Partee, North Avenue
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Jorge Perez, North Park
Angel Perez, Forest Glen
Lonnie Perry, Rail Instruction
Willie Pittman, Limits

Israel Quinones, North Park

Manuel Ramirez, North Park
William Ramos, North Park
Robert Richardson, North Park
Alice Richman, North Park
William Roman, Limits
Ralph Rosado, Howard/Kimball

Janet Sams, North Park
Vera Smith, Archer
Joseph Smith, Limits
Calvin Steen, Howard/Kimball
Russell Stevens, Forest Glen
Evelyn Stofer, West Section

Mary Thrower, Jefferson Park
Geraldine Tufano, West Section

Sergio Villanueva, North Park

Myron Webb, Limits
Napoleon White Jr., 77th Street
Gartha Williams, 77th Street
Wilson Williams, 77th Street
Isaiah Williams Jr., Kedzie
Phillip Wood, 77th Street

Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen
David York, 77th Street
Joseph Zukerman, North Park

Graduate Operations management personnel

A graduation ceremony held in the CTA Board room honored 24 Operations employees who were presented certificates of training by Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**. The training qualifies the candidates for various Operations management positions.

Completing training as assistant superintendent for Instruction were: **Alexander Chacko**, **Ivory Davis**,

David Garrison, **Robert O. Graham**, **Harvey Kirkpatrick**, and **James Thaxton**.

Certificates of training for superintendent I, Rail Service were presented to: **Richard Bretz**, **Marco Cordova**, **Carl Davis**, **Cleveland Jackson**, **John Nimtz**, and **Russell Zdeb**. Qualifying as superintendent I, Rail Personnel

were: **Romayne Brown**, **Walter Frye**, **Esther McKelker**, **James McPhee**, **Diane Overstreet**, **Andrew Robinson**, **Donald Seay**, and **Kevin Smith**.

Overstreet, **Robinson** and **Seay** were also graduates of the rail controller I training along with **Ronald Heard**, **S. Montes DeOca**, **Richard Newton**, and **Efrain Villarreal**.



Management and professional candidates who recently completed the Rail Controller I, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction; Superintendent I, Rail Service; and Superintendent I, Rail Personnel training programs are shown here with their instructors and other Operations management personnel. Seated (from left) are **William Nichols**, instructor for rail personnel; candidates **Donald Seay**, **Marco Cordova**, **Harvey Kirkpatrick**, **Esther McKelker**, **Diane Overstreet**, **David Garrison**, **San Juana Montes DeOca**, **Ivory Davis**, and the instructor for bus controller candidates, **George Hand**. Standing (from left) are **William Thompson**, director, Management and Professional Development; **David Martin**, manager, Operations Communications and Power Control; **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction; candidate **Russell Zdeb** and

Thomas Wilson, superintendent, Bus Instruction; candidates **Richard Bretz** and **James Thaxton**, and **Paul Kadowaki**, director, Instruction; **Harry Reddick**, Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation; **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Transportation Personnel. Others are candidates **Andrew Robinson**, **John Nimtz**, **Efrain Villarreal**, and **James McPhee**; **Michael McGovern**, superintendent, Personnel Development; **Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Communications; **James Zepp**, assistant superintendent, Rail instruction, and **Robert Janz**, director, Rail Service. Candidates who graduated but were not present for the class photograph were **Alexander Chacko**, **Robert O. Graham**, **Carl Davis**, **Cleveland Jackson**, **Romayne Brown**, **Walter Frye**, **Kevin Smith**, **Ronald Heard**, and **Richard Newton**.

Earn dual rating

These South Shops electrical workers were awarded certificates of training qualifying them as dual rated maintenance electricians. The trainees averaged 90 percent on written tests. The program included home study material as well as hands-on performance. Included in this group of trainees, Maintenance Training Center, and shop personnel are (from left): **Allan Cox**; **Juanita Duff**, former MTC specialist and program coordinator; **Ron Northcut**; **Peter Buck**; **Ernest Johnson**, superintendent, Bus Shops; **Bill Densmore**; **George Greco**, unit supervisor, Maintenance Training Center, and **Louis Young**.



HATA Spring Dance

The Hispanic American Transportation Association (HATA) invites all employees, relatives and friends to the association's Spring dance which will be held Saturday, May 23 at the Holiday Inn, 300 East Ohio Street, Chicago, from 7:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. The occasion promises to be an enjoyable evening of good music and entertainment. Door prizes and other surprises are also planned. For ticket information contact HATA delegates at your work location.



HATA General Assembly



The Hispanic American Transportation Association (HATA) held its general assembly Feb. 19 at the Holiday Inn City Center. Present for the occasion were (from left) special guests Hilda Frontany of Group W. Cable, and Ana Marie Balmas, representing A T&T. Others are **Fernin Claudio**, operator, Forest Glen, HATA public relations chairman;

George Dalmes, first vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241; **Gerardo Perez**, bus operator, Forest Glen, HATA first vice president, and **Ben Garrett**, deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services.

MBE Opportunity Fair



CTA was well represented at the annual Minority Business Opportunity Fair by personnel of the CTA Affirmative Action section and Materials Management department. The fair was held Feb. 6-7 at McCormick Inn. Participants are (from left) **Tom Marasovich**, buyer, Materials Manage-

ment; **Mrs. Elsa McCrory**, staff assistant, Minority Business Enterprise; **Loyce Ellis**, Minority Business Enterprise specialist, and **Andrea Lindsey**, staff assistant, Affirmative Action.



Five maintenance locations awarded top ZAP prizes

Industrial Safety Maintenance's fourth quarter 1986 Zero Accident Program for maintenance garages and terminals ended with five work locations receiving first place honors.

First place certificates were presented to personnel at Howard/Linden and 98th Street terminals, Kedzie garage, Skokie Rail Shop, and Bus Shops at 77th Street.

Maintenance crews at 98th Street, Skokie Rail Shop, and Bus Shops were treated to catered meals for having sustained the lowest accident frequency rate in a six month period. Another location receiving the catered meal was Beverly garage.

Winners in the Bus Shops competition were Sheet Metal, Vehicle Wiring, Body Shop D, Upholstery, Shop Service, Converter, Electrical Units Rebuild, Engine Rebuild and the Machine, Radiator, and Print shops. The first place achievers at Skokie Shop included Paint shop, Armature room, Motor Line, Vehicle Wiring, Blacksmith/Welding, the Machine and Axle shops, and Degreasing.

Catered meals are awarded to maintenance work locations based on the standard calculated injury rate with handicap calculated for a six month period. Other incentive awards for safety performance include jackets and caps designed with the CTA logo, key chains, travel mugs and gift certificates.



Maintenance foreman **Leon Fields**, 98th Street terminal, expresses appreciation to day crewmen for an outstanding fourth quarter in the ZAP competition. The 98th Street terminal maintenance personnel enjoyed first place honors as well as a catered lunch. Caps and vests sporting the CTA logo were also included among incentive awards.



Pulling a winner for a door prize is Dorothy Ballard, 98th terminal combination clerk. Prizes included jackets, caps, key chains and sundry other items.



First place certificates and other rewards such as these jackets are ready for distribution to Skokie Shop personnel.



Bus Shops workers enjoy a catered meal which they earned for maintaining the lowest accident frequency rate over a six month period. The catered meal, a highlight with all CTA maintenance facilities, was also

awarded to maintenance personnel at 98th terminal and Skokie Rail Shop.



Skokie foremen were proud of the outstanding performance of their Rail Shop personnel who earned the eight first place certificates shown here. The foremen are (from left) Pat Langosch, Machine shop; Chuck Olcik, Paint shop; James House, Inspection Degrease and Tear Down,

recently promoted to unit supervisor; Clarence Mills, Armature room, Vito Pontelli, Motor Line; Elmer Fischer, Blacksmith/Welding; Ray Hagerty, Vehicle Wiring; Bob Velinski, Air Brake/Axle; Matthew Spatzek, unit supervisor, and Ronald Benshish, safety specialist.

Ancient (H)INESE discipline keeps retiree motivated

A thousand-year-old Chinese system combining exercise and philosophy is keeping a growing number of senior citizens on their toes.

Among them is retired CTA Board secretary **Willis Helfrich**. Now 80 years old, Helfrich is a devotee of this ancient life enrichment program called Tai Chi (pronounced Tie She).

If someone were to set Tai Chi to music, its rhythm would be very slow. Yet its snail's pace movements are the key to its ability to invigorate the body without risking exhaustion or injury.

Tai Chi is derived from the Oriental martial arts of kung fu and karate. While Tai Chi movements look languid, there is a great amount of concentration and control used in each movement.

Helfrich, a retired lawyer whose wife also is a lawyer, sometimes leads warm ups at some Tai Chi classes.

"These warm ups last from five to 10 minutes and begin with each Tai Chi participant in a sitting position," he explains. "We start at the extremities, the ankles and the fingers, then we work toward the knees, hands, arms, and legs, then we rotate the hips, swing the arms, shake the hands, make circles with the wrists, massage the shoulders, all the while breathing deeply and rhythmically."

Helfrich says this form of warm up comes close to making a participant

perspire and causes the blood to rush to their capillaries.

"It's sort of like a baseball pitcher's warm up so he'll be ready to do his best during the game. Our warm ups help us do our best in our Tai Chi exercises.

"When I retired 15 years ago I used to lay in bed until noon. I was becoming sluggish, I wouldn't accept any challenge. I was even getting sick," he says.

"Now you can't give me enough assignments," he says with pride. "Somehow I manage to get them all done, and thanks to Tai Chi, I get them done well."

As anyone would suspect, the movements in Tai Chi have typical Chinese expressions, such as "stroke the



peacock's tail," or "the white crane spreads its wings and moves forward," and, best of all, "embrace the tiger."

Tai Chi is a pattern of continuously flowing movements that result in a healthy body, a sound mind, and a good spirit. It puts stress on the body's joints in a positive sense; makes breathing more regular and calm, improves a person's range of motions, gently rotates and stretches each joint and muscle in the manner intended by nature, and evens out a person's moods.

Free Tai Chi classes are held at 11 a.m. each Tuesday in the Levy Senior Citizens Center, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave. The center's telephone number is 878-3564.



Veterans urged contact VA before selling home

If you're a veteran with a mortgage backed by the Veterans Administration you should be alert to the possible dangers to avoid if you're planning to sell your home, or if you're considering offers to assume back payments. You could still be liable to lenders, and possibly the VA.

Grady W. Horton, director of the Chicago VA Regional Office, said many home purchasers find it advantageous to assume a VA-guaranteed mortgage with no change in interest rate. However, the seller should apply to the VA for a release from liability before signing the contract to sell, or include a clause in the contract specifying the sale is conditioned on the seller being released from liability on the GI loan by the VA. Without the

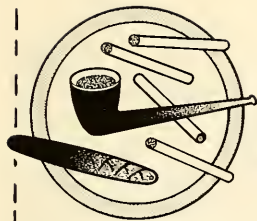
release, if a buyer later fails to make the mortgage payments, the seller is required to make up any loss suffered by the lender and the VA.

The VA usually will release a veteran from liability at the time of sale if loan payments are up-to-date, if the buyer satisfies VA that he or she is a satisfactory credit risk and if the buyer agrees to assume the seller's liability to the government. Horton said the VA will send a "release of liability package."

Horton said a release of liability also can prevent a homeowner from being defrauded after falling behind in loan payments. The owner may be offered cash for a "quitclaim" deed to the property. The deed is generally given with a promise by the buyer to make up

back payments. Often the veteran moves out of the house believing the loan will be brought up-to-date when the new "owner" rents the property. The problem comes when the individual holding the quitclaim deed rents the house without making back payments. When foreclosure occurs, the veteran still owes the lender and possibly the government. This form of fraud is commonly referred to as "equity skimming."

Horton advised borrowers who are offered such propositions to contact their lenders or the loan guaranty division of the Chicago VA Regional Office before signing anything. He said that although the VA cannot give legal advice, it can advise as to whether the offer is sound or whether an attorney should be consulted.



Smoking or Non-smoking What is your opinion?



1 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for your *immediate* work area?
(Check one)

There should be no
restrictions _____ 1

There should be designated
smoking & non-smoking areas _____ 3

There should be a
total ban on smoking _____ 2

Other (please specify) _____ 4

2 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for *other areas* at the workplace?
(Check appropriate column at right)

1
There should be
no restrictions

2
There should
be a total ban
on smoking

3
There should be des-
ignated smoking &
non-smoking areas

a) conference room _____

b) cafeteria _____

c) break room (lounge) _____

d) elevators _____

e) restrooms _____

f) other (please specify) _____

3 Do you feel CTA should
offer programs to employees to
help them stop smoking?

Yes _____ 1
No _____ 2

4 Please indicate the extent to
which you are bothered by some-
one else smoking at work.

Frequently _____ 1
Occasionally _____ 2
Seldom _____ 3
Never _____ 4

5 If you are bothered by smoking
at work, in what way are you
bothered?
(select all that apply)

Clothes & hair smell _____ 1
Eye irritation _____ 2
Coughing _____ 3
Headaches _____ 4
Interferes with work
performance _____ 5
Concern for long-term health effects _____ 6

Other (please describe) _____

6 How would you classify your
current smoking status?

Current cigarette smoker _____ 1
Current Pipe or cigar smoker _____ 2
Ex-smoker _____ 3
Never smoked _____ 4

OVER →

**The Following Two Questions Are To Be Answered by
Current Cigarette Smokers Only**

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|---|--|--|-------|
| 7 | If our company offered a program to help you stop smoking, would you attend? | Yes | ___ 1 |
| | | No | ___ 2 |
| | | Not sure | ___ 3 |
| 8 | If our company introduced a policy which restricted smoking on CTA premises, how do you think this would affect your <i>overall</i> smoking?
(select <i>only</i> one) | It would not affect my smoking | ___ 1 |
| | | I would probably smoke more away from work | ___ 2 |
| | | It might reduce the overall amount I smoke | ___ 3 |
| | | I might try to quit | ___ 4 |

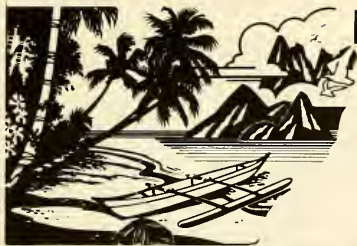
The Following Questions Should Be Answered by *All* Employees

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|----|--|---------|----------------|-------|
| 9 | How many employees are there in your immediate work area? | 1-5 | ___ 1 | |
| | | 6-10 | ___ 2 | |
| | | 11-50 | ___ 3 | |
| 10 | How many employees in your immediate work area smoke cigarettes? | None | ___ 1 | |
| | | 1-5 | ___ 2 | |
| | | 6-10 | ___ 3 | |
| | | 11-50 | ___ 4 | |
| 11 | Are you... | Male | ___ 1 | |
| | | Female | ___ 2 | |
| 12 | What is your age? | 18-25 | ___ 1 | |
| | | 26-35 | ___ 2 | |
| | | 36-55 | ___ 3 | |
| | | Over 55 | ___ 4 | |
| 13 | Are you...Management | ___ 1 | Non-Management | ___ 2 |

- 14 Additional Comments: _____

Thank You for Your Help!

Please return your completed questionnaire to: Carol Van Gorp, CTA Promotional Services, Merchandise Mart, Room 734. Call extension 3325 for additional information.



RETIREMENTS



Rail Janitor foreman **L.C. Smith** (left) who joined CTA in Oct. 1957, receives his retirement packet from **William Jones**, acting director, Rail Janitors, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance. A farewell reception, sponsored by Smith's co-workers, was held at the Madison/Wabash office.



Switchboard supervisor **Eva Marcin**, a CTA switchboard operator for 27 years, is joined by her husband, **Emil** at a reception in her honor on retiring after 30 years of service.



"I know just what to do with this," says bus controller **Bob Loughran** of the cash gift he received from Control Center co-workers upon his retirement with 38 years of CTA and Chicago Surface Lines service. Sharing the moment with the former Travel Information supervisor is bus controller **Michael Sanchez**.



There is likely to be a lot of tee-off time on the ole greens for **Merritt Kotin**, director of Real Estate, now that he has joined CTA pensioners. Kotin who retired March 1 after 34 years of service, was presented with this personalized putter and a golf umbrella by his co-workers at a retirement party in his honor.



John Dillworth (right) receives his retirement packet from **Roger Wood**, manager, Management Services. Dillworth, who was assigned to the CTA mailroom in the Merchandise Mart, closed a 36-year career which he began as a bus operator. Co-workers sponsored a farewell open house, and gave him a monetary gift.

Farewell roast right on track for John Pope



"Hey, John, some guy who calls himself 'Pineapple' wants to talk to you about a race in the fifth at Hawthorne," says Jerry Kurowski.



The receiving line was long as Johnny Pope received well wishers following the retirement roast.

A race track fanfare is how paymaster **Johnny Pope's** retirement luncheon got underway at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on March 5.

Pope, who retired after 44 years with CTA, was the subject of a farewell roast by his CTA friends. They shared a fondness for the happy-go-lucky paymaster who always greeted every employee, from those with years of seniority to the newly hired, as though he'd known them for a lifetime. In some cases that was true.

His retirement farewell was an hilarious occasion, as Pope got a bit of gentle ribbing about his penchant for the horses. "John goes to the track every chance he gets," recalled **Dennis Sipich**, superintendent of Treasury and Pope's supervisor.

About 80 co-workers and other friends joined the Pope family, which includes a brother, sister-in-law, sister, brother-in-law, a niece and two nephews, to say thanks for a lot of happy years in the work force, and the best

of everything for the future.

Master of ceremonies was **William Buetow**, manager of Treasury. Other speakers included Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director **Daniel Perk**, Sipich, and **Gerald Kurowski**, director, Payroll Operations. The festivities were arranged by co-workers Buetow, Sipich, **Joanne Boettin**, **Rosemary Podlasek**, **Meg Whirity**, **Ella Otis**, **David Kruger**, and **Alan Sabol**.



The old paymaster fights to keep his composure as **Dennis Sipich** shares a few thoughts about him with friends.



A **Tom Boyle** plaque for **John Pope** would hardly be complete if it didn't include an old racing form. The memorabilia also included the paymaster's original employment application, his 1943 hiring notice, an old token, and a 1957 bus pass.



When he can't get to the track **Pope** will watch the action on the tube. This 19-inch color TV was a gift from co-workers and friends.

North Park

Congratulations to all of the North Park bus operators who have qualified to participate in this year's Bus Roadshow. Lets have a winner from North Park this year...As long as we are talking about winners, we should mention that big cigar smoking operator **B.T. Gregory** and his wife, **Essie**, have just reached one of those modern miracles of matrimony by celebrating 25 years of marriage (No. B.T. didn't present the lucky lady with a cigar)...Our quiet custodian, **Al Lowery**, is soon to be off to the state of Arkansas to say hi and why to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery...**Reginald Edwards** definitely earned his "Day in CTA" certificate and tour of the control center for an incident which took place aboard his bus a while back. Too modest to comment on it, we shall just say "Way to go Reg"...Obviously in this photo one picture is worth more than a thousand



words: **Ricky Hogan** and his son, **David** have just heard Ricky's wife, **Doreen** announce that she is expecting again!! Of course at press time there was no comment from their youngest son, **Bryan** who is 19 months old. He probably knows that all of the above is just **APRIL FOOL**...Did you ever have your 35MM camera foul up at one of those wrong times and wish you knew what to do next? Well, the person to obviously hope you see real soon would be operator **R. Inada** who is a very knowledgeable camera repair extraordinaire wiz...Our words are just that, words, but with our sympathies we offer condolences to operator **Angel Flores** and instructor **Aaron Crockett** who lost their mothers, **Sylvia** and **Martha**, respectively...**Tom Kissel** is back in familiar territory for the third time now that the latest system pick is in effect. Tom kept getting bumped out of

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Retirements April

Alfredo Arneri, West Shops, 20 yrs.
James Dently, Jr., 77th Street, 33 yrs.
Gabriel Figueroa, 77th Street, 33 yrs.
Christopher Gilbert, Jr., Forest Glen, 36 yrs.
William F. Glassner, West Shops, 40 yrs.
Justine M. Janasek, South Shops, 13 yrs.
Walter H. Jones, Lawndale, 38 yrs.
Marvin H. Kocar, Lawndale, 30 yrs.
Joseph J. LaBellarte, DesPlaines Shop, 36 yrs.
Robert F. Loughran, Control Center, 38 yrs.
S. T. Lucas, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Miguel L. Manso, Treasury, 15 yrs.
Eva M. Marcin, Admin. Services, 30 yrs.
Clovee Mattox, Kedzie, 30 yrs.
John H. McGhee, Lawndale, 35 yrs.
George Millonas, Equip. Eng. & Maint., 38 yrs.
Lawrence J. Monaghan, Equip. Eng. & Maint., 25 yrs.
Ramon Nuno, Madison/Wabash, 12 yrs.
George R. Rose, Forest Glen, 33 yrs.
Peter A. Schmanski, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
Robert B. Tausch, West Shops, 39 yrs.
George J. Weathers, Trans. Pers./South, 32 yrs.

Disabilities

Andrew Johnson, Rail, South, 21 yrs.
Lawrence F. Lee, 69th Street, 24 yrs.
Joseph T. Slaughter, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.
Dean G. Walcott, 77th Street, 14 yrs.
Shirley M. Watson, North Section, 20 yrs.
Penny M. Wilson, South Section, 18 yrs.

North Park on previous picks and perhaps now he can look forward to finding his own parking space in the lot, at the very least. (Better keep that travel bag handy Tom)...Before we get too far ahead of ourselves we better say "Not bad, Leonard, not bad"...Operator **Lloyd** was one of the top vote getters in the Local 241 election commissioners race in which Mr. Lloyd garnered 1,578 votes to his opponent's 809...Just a followup note of thanks to all for your

help in the individual pictures we are taking of the operators here at North Park. It takes time as we all know, but we are definitely getting there...For those of us waddling penguins who partook of the big feast here in the station a few months ago when some of our female operator/chefs got together and hosted a luncheon, we offer a picture of the guilty ladies and say THANKS



LADIES!! (From left to right) **Jean Cage**, **Vicki Nesbit**, **Gail Inis**, **Iona Williams** and **Frances Walker**. Union representative **David Washington**, and **Mary Wallace** were also present. Avoiding the photo is janitor **Al Lowery** cleaning up the soon-to-be offerings, HA!...For all of you potential pop-up specialists in baseball, we will also let the word go forth that the "STYX" softball team has begun their new season practice, so if you are not too busy and have some sort of expertise in this sport, why not come on down and try out?...Does North Park have a monopoly of sorts on the number of married husband/wife drivers at one work location? Maybe we could do a followup on how all of that courting and woo wooing began, hmmm, ladies?...Anyone else notice the extreme bravery that our "Dirty Harry" displayed when he managed to hobble in on one crutch to attend the pick for the runs?...Add operators **Barry Smith** and **Vicki**



Lawndale bus operator **Cesar R. Guar-diola** and his wife became the proud parents of **Cesar Jr.** on Sept. 27, 1986, it was just announced. The baby who weighed eight pounds, one and a half ounces at birth, is also the first grandchild of **Apolinar** (Madison and Wabash Maintenance), and **Maria T. Guardiolo**.

Nesbit to those interested fans of photography who have 35mm cameras and would like to learn more on this subject. We have had inquiries from other interested drivers at some of the other work locations who would also like to learn more about their camera, so don't by shy about asking. **Chester Harris**, your reporter **Mike Flores**, **Owen Terry** or **Gersham Johnson** will be able to answer any of your inquiries...Instructor **George Zajac** and his team of instructors must all feel like they're all in the midst of the Taj Mahal what with all of the new painting and restructuring going on in the instruction office. Any final words of wisdom before the final nail is put in place George?...Nice to see back to work after all of those many days off is our other brave operator who cares to just be anonymous and says three times being hospitalized was just too much, **Right Tiny?**...What with all of the lack of snow, supervisor **Ernest Usher** and his wife, **Joyce**, needed no prodding to head off to Colorado to enjoy some skiing up and down the snowy slopes there...Reaching another year closer to their retirements but also another year closer courtesy of their birthdays are **Florinda Orcasitas**, **Eula Jarrett**, and **Rudy Garcia** (Put all of the candles on the cake ladies)...Don't tell the other bosses, but assistant superintendent **Sal Carbonelli** made sure his wife **Maria** had a restful 24 hours on her birthday by not letting her do any of the

housework, and instead took her out to some finer eateries as most good husbands do. This is what you did, didn't you Mr. Carbonelli?...Ever notice how calm and patient **Robert Richardson** is whenever he's talking about various matters to the other operators? Always helpful Mr. Richardson can usually be found advising those members of his church, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist church in Evanston, so like he is sure to say, "Come on over and enjoy our company."..."There are not enough medals to hang on his chest." That comment was included in a commendation for one of our operators a while back. But then when you are married to the same woman for over 30 years and manage to share your lives being a mother and father to 35 boys and girls as foster parents maybe there exists a special medal in the shape of a heart which would mean just as much. In a small impromptu ceremony held in the North Park training room and attended by Superin-



tendents **Samuel Smith** and **Ken Czachowski**, retired operator **Ed Unrein**, and his wife, **Opal**, Ed was presented a steering wheel which was engraved with his name, his badge number, and hire and retirement dates. The presentation was made by your reporter, **Mike Flores**, and pictures were taken by operators **Chester Harris** and **Vince Dawson**. Included as a special gift was an enlarged photograph of Ed standing next to his bus. The picture was inscribed on the back with various retirement greetings. One which seemed to stand out was "God Bless".....

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in March

40 Years

Harold Berndt, Quality Control, Bus
James Madden, Insurance
Thomas Tadevic, Paint Shop

35 Years

Auston Woolfolk, Archer

30 Years

Edward Barrett, 77th Street
James House, Insp. Degrease & Teardn.
Dennis Kuhn, Stores, South
Arthur Lee, Bus Pers., South
Charles Lindsey, 77th Street
James Massey, 69th Street
Clove Mattox, Kedzie
William Miller, Body Shop
Nathaniel Mosley, Kedzie
James Rigney, Escalator Maint.
Richard Rossborough, Archer
Wendell Slay, Jr., 69th Street
Leo Stern, North Park
Aaron Wright, Utility

25 Years

Allan Adamczyk, Archer Maint.
James Butzen, Wilson Maint.
Leonard Davenport, Rail, W/S
Robert Harris, Jr., 77th Street
Solomon Jones, Beverly
John Kilgore, Forest Glen
Morton Libert, Admin. Services
Lawrence Monaghan, Rail W/NW
Harry Reese, Kedzie
Cornelius Schaaf, 54th Maint.
Edward Sullivan, Beverly
Cecile Thomas, South Section
Donaldson Thompson, Stores, 63rd Yard
Postle Watson, Jr., South Section

April

35 Years

Arthur Frazier, Archer

30 Years

James Beauford, Utility
Edward Buckner, West Section
Gerald Budzisz, North Park
James Hightower, Control Center
Deborah Hillard, 77th Street
Roger Hudson, 77th Street
Edward McSweeney, Signal Phone & Radio

Henry Radom, Forest Glen
Lonnie Rupert, Beverly
Clarence Shepard, Bus Dist. B.
Adrian Truitt, 77th Street
Robert Wynne, Ashland Terminal
Wayne Williams, Bus Instruction

25 Years

Charles Berglund, Data Processing
Sylvester Ciciura, Shop Services
James Corbo, Support Services, Bus
Frank Gray, South Shops
Gay Jenkins, Support Services
Victor Johnson, Jr., Data Processing
John Laskey, Jr., Body Shop
Robert Mandujano, Upholstery
Willie McClain, Bus Dist. C.
J. McClendon, North Avenue
James Olsen, Machine Shop
Drago Panic, North Park
James Patterson, South Section
Joseph Ritrovato, Schedules
Robert Thomas, Control Center
Ronald Wheatley, 69th Street



Half-century mark

Inside News has just been informed that John Bednarz, a CTA employee for 37 years ('76 Forest Glen retiree), and his wife, Julie, observed their golden wedding anniversary last Nov. 25. A party to celebrate the occasion was held at the Golden Flame, near Higgins and Nagle, where the CTA Pioneers also hold their monthly meetings each second Tuesday. The uniqueness of the occasion was marked by a party of 50 couples, many of them also CTA retirees, who joined in festivities with the proud couple's children and grandchildren.

In the "Somebody's Watching You" department, 16-year old **David Diamond** of Palatine is a CTA fan par excellence who is a volunteer at the Illinois Railway Museum, and a member of the Central Electric Railfans' Association. David, who aspires to one day land a job as a motorman, possibly on the Skokie Swift, also runs a part-time business—CSL Railway Products. He makes electric railroad emblem plaques.

Edwin Green of Central Counting, and bus operator **Wilhelmina Price** of North Park garage, were married April 18, and journeyed to Montego Bay, Jamaica for their honeymoon....Rail Service supervisor **Michael Caselman**, North Rail District, and wife **Judith** are proud to announce the birth of a son, **Mark Samuel Caselman** who was born March 8 weighing seven pounds, one ounce, and 20 inches long. The Caselmans are also the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth and Victoria.



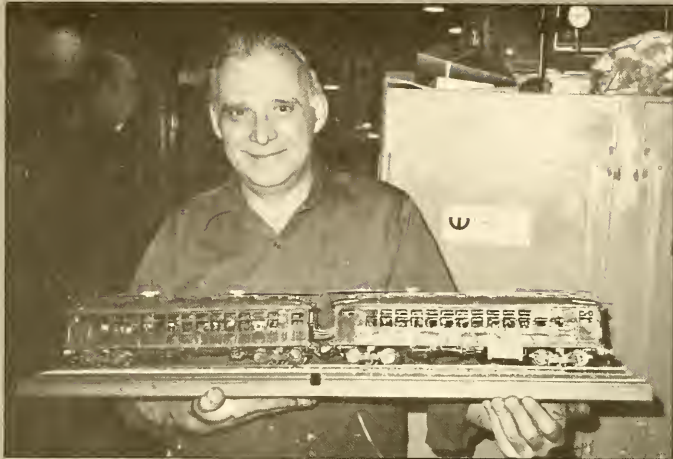
Another proud couple observing the half century mark in holy wedlock is Larry and Grace Shields who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 24. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are enjoying retirement in Valrico, Fla. Shields, a former CTA mail serviceman, retired in April 1976 after a 39½-year career which started with the Chicago Surface Lines in Nov. 1936.

IN MEMORIAM

Beaman, Willard O., 85, Beverly.
Emp. 1-9-29, Died 1-2-87
Belshaw, Thomas, 74, Forest Glen.
Emp. 10-23-45, Died 1-2-87
Bennis, John P., 82, Schedule/Traffic.
Emp. 9-7-27, Died 1-23-87
Brennan, Joseph T., 80, South Section.
Emp. 8-24-45, Died 2-1-87
Brown, James D., 73, Archer.
Emp. 4-26-48, Died 2-1-87
Bogus, Hollis, 83, West.
Emp. 10-5-51, Died 1-15-87
Burge, Albert L., 82, 52nd Street.
Emp. 3-23-44, Died 1-2-87
Calmelat, Thomas L., 90, Electrical.
Emp. 6-3-20, Died 1-14-87
Caspers, Margaret M., 100, North Side.
Emp. 1-6-43, Died 2-10-87
Clair, Raymond M., 76, 69th Street.
Emp. 4-3-51, Died 1-28-87
Comstock, Wilbur S., 85, General Office.
Emp. 6-10-21, Died 7-27-87
Cook, Melvin, 69, Plant Maint.
Emp. 4-15-46, Died 2-13-87
Cooper, William D., 55, Skokie
Emp. 2-17-72, Died 2-14-87
Dwyer, Lawrence, 84, Shops & Equip.
Emp. 10-12-43, Died 2-5-87
Eaton, Clyde L., 83, Beverly.
Emp. 1-5-25, Died 1-31-87
Eiffes, Joseph M., 82, North Park.
Emp. 6-24-42, Died 2-19-87
Epiph, Joseph M., 85, 77th Street
Emp. 6-4-26, Died 12-29-86
Gardiner, George B., 92, West Section.
Emp. 9-17-20, Died 1-21-87
Goode, James H., 54, Lawndale.
Emp. 8-27-53, Died 2-23-87

Graver, Norman, 61, G.O./Transp.
Emp. 11-19-46, Died 2-6-87
Guse, C.F., 81, Electrical
Emp. 10-13-33, Died 1-3-87
Hanning, John M., 73, West Shops.
Emp. 1-24-46, Died 2-16-87
Heady, John E., 93, South Section.
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 1-26-87
Hidbald, Marvin B., 71, North Rail.
Emp. 12-4-41, Died 2-4-87
Howe, Manley M., 79, Security
Emp. 11-13-28, Died 2-8-87
Hughes, Thomas, 85, 77th Street.
Emp. 2-5-30, Died 1-24-87
Jansen, David, 98, Skokie
Emp. 2-3-35, Died 2-14-87
Johnson, Irving, 73, Library Services.
Emp. 10-3-42, Died 2-17-87
Karschnik, Charles F., 81, Beverly.
Emp. 8-25-20, Died 2-22-87
Kobs, Chester C., 78, 69th Street.
Emp. 10-19-36, Died 2-9-87
LaVieri, Frank P., 83.
Emp. 10-13-27, Died 1-6-87
Loftus, John, 81, Shops & Equip.
Emp. 8-5-26, Died 2-21-87
Lombardo, Ross, 64, Madison/Wabash.
Emp. 1-26-71, Died 1-20-87
McGrath, Patrick, 87, Kedzie.
Emp. 2-21-23, Died 1-7-87
Minogue, James M., 73, West Section.
Emp. 6-18-66, Died 2-21-87
Moore, Flazell, Sr., 64, Beverly.
Emp. 6-19-46, Died 2-12-87
Mosely, Thomas N., 63, Limits.
Emp. 10-18-62, Died 2-4-87
Muirheid, Aubert E., 72, South Shops.
Emp. 1-13-48, Died 2-15-87

Munro, Edwin S., 89, North-South.
Emp. 9-9-20, Died 12-25-86
Nelson, Wenrick F., 84, Forest Glen.
Emp. 10-1-28, Died 1-8-87
Niemczyk, Joseph S., 79, North Avenue.
Emp. 8-12-41, Died 2-22-87
Olson, Jeanette P., 88, North Avenue.
Emp. 2-15-36, Died 1-2-87
Pawliski, Michael, 88, North Avenue.
Emp. 9-10-23, Died 1-30-87
Puntill, Edward J., 68, Limits.
Emp. 8-8-41, Died 11-87
Rentschler, Orrin H., 74, North Park.
Emp. 8-19-37, Died 1-13-87
Riley, George A., 72, General Office.
Emp. 2-19-36, Died 1-28-87
Ruehl, George P., 86, South Section.
Emp. 12-12-23, Died 1-27-87
Sack, Erwin W., 86, Beverly.
Emp. 10-21-42, Died 2-24-87
Sedall, Foster P., 87, Forest Glen.
Emp. 4-2-26, Died 2-24-87
Snyder, Charles J., 82, West Section.
Emp. 2-7-36, Died 1-28-87
Wallon, Joseph, 71, Plant Maint.
Emp. 4-1-42, Died 1-6-87
Whalen, Joseph A., 79, North Avenue.
Emp. 1-25-51, Died 1-24-86
White, Elvin, 65, 77th Street.
Emp. 2-24-48, Died 2-3-87
White, Margaret A., 79, West Section.
Emp. 11-16-43, Died 12-14-86
Wrobel, Charles A., 75, Treasury.
Emp. 10-15-41, Died 2-15-87



Skokie Shop

Television cameras were filming as shop inspector **Bill Meany** entered the Liberace Museum. He was seen by some local TV viewers during his recent visit to Las Vegas....Our ever cheerful receptionist, **Ann Marie Wolf** and her husband, **Barry**, are bidding us adieu as they move to Manassas, Virginia. Good luck Ann, and don't forget your friends in the snow belt....Under the heading of "Great Job this Month" appears the name of **Ken Blocker**. Ken, a welder in the sub-Assembly area, recently completed a model of antique cars 4271, and 4272. Using 2,754 parts in 309 hours, he made duplicates which include passengers and advertisement cards. Nice going Ken....Congratulations to electrical rebuild foreman **Muzio Ficarella**, and his wife **Toni** on the birth of their daughter, **Maria** who tipped the Alexian Brothers Hospital scales at eight

pounds, eight ounces on Christmas Day....Congratulations also to machinist **Greg Winski** and his wife **Janice** on the birth of their son, **Nicholas**, who was born March 3 at Christ Hospital, and weighed nine pounds....Welcome back to electrical worker **Mike Dunbar** of the Motorline after a lengthy absence due to surgery. It's nice to have you back, Mike....Best wishes to machinist **Art Piecyk** who retired March 1 after 28 years of service. Art and his wife, **Bonnie**, will move to Las Vegas....Much happiness to **Dan Greene**, son of **Grant Greene**, Mechanical Rebuild, and his bride, **Patty**. They were married January 3 at St. Cornelius church. Reception was held at the Golden Fawn restaurant.

**Stan Warchol
and Steve Wickert**

Frank Zeiger, former assistant superintendent, 77th Street garage who retired in 1982, is already looking forward to the Yuletide season. He conducts business as Santa Claus for a Chicago area shopping center. Mother Nature has supplied him with the beard for the job, and he doesn't require any special padding for his role. His middle is the real thing. The West Morgan Park resident thoroughly baffles kids, and raises a quizzical eye from adults occasionally when they see him at work. Good luck Frank, and keep making the little ones happy at that special time of year.

RETIREMENTS FEBRUARY

Howard A. Andler, North Park, 30 yrs.
Robert E. Baker, Forest Glen, 18 yrs.
Charlie W. Bateman, 69th Street, 28 yrs.
Booker Byers, 77th Street, 32 yrs.
John A. Dilworth, Sr., Mgmt. Serv., 35 yrs.
Ralph Fields, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Joseph Gadsen, Kedzie, 25 yrs.
David D. Hinman, Archer, 31 yrs.
Ike Houston, Harlem-Lake, 19 yrs.
Willie C. Jackson, Kedzie, 35 yrs.
Robert P. Johnson, North Section, 26 yrs.
Joseph A. Kelso, 69th Street, 24 yrs.
Clifford R. Last, Forest Glen, 33 yrs.
Ramon Lopez, Forest Glen, 11 yrs.
Michael F. McCarthy, Kedzie, 33 yrs.
Johnie T. McDonald, 63rd/Ashland, 30 yrs.
Raymond J. Michalski, West Shops, 30 yrs.
William E. Sears, Skokie Shop, 26 yrs.
L.C. Smith, Madison/Wabash, 29 yrs.
Foyce S. Whitney, 77th Street, 30 yrs.

Disabilities

Anthony F. Blazeovich, Archer, 39 yrs.
William D. Cooper, Skokie Shop, 14 yrs.
Carl L. McCormack, North Section, 13 yrs.

MARCH

Anthony Espinosa, Kedzie, 31 yrs.
James W. Harris, Beverly, 29 yrs.
John J. Hester, Jr., Forest Glen, 40 yrs.
Wallace S. Johnson, Central District, 30 yrs.
Jesse L. Jumper, Claims, 31 yrs.
Merritt R. Kotin, Real Estate, 33 yrs.
Michael Leavy, Kimball, 30 yrs.
Dominic F. Lochirco, Archer, 32 yrs.
Robert J. Madison, Beverly, 37 yrs.
Raymond A. O'Malley, West Shops, 11 yrs.
Arthur H. Piecyk, Skokie Shop, 28 yrs.
John Pope, Treasury, 44 yrs.
Dale H. Sledge, West Section, 25 yrs.
Nicholas A. Spitali, West Shops, 44 yrs.
Joseph G. Steinbach, 77th Street, 40 yrs.
Edward C. Unrein, North Park, 25 yrs.

CTA pensioner **Harry Mocarski**, 72, recalled the hectic days he experienced during the "Big Snow of 1967." The former bus operator, like many others, stayed at the wheel battling the elements and impassable routes in an effort to serve people who were depending on public transportation. The plaque Mocarski holds was presented to him by a member of his family and is appropriately entitled, "Award for Bravery."



Harlem Shop

Repairer Joe Milke's son Joey is doing a service hitch for Uncle Sam with the U.S. Navy in Japan. Good luck sailor...Tom Warchol and Joe Milke will celebrate 13 years of CTA service in May...Welcome to Harlem Shop services **Bill Brown** and **Ken Savage**. Brown and **Bill Kincaid** are doing a fine job with the car wash. The rail cars are glistening. The guys deserve the Employee of the Year award for their dedication to the job...Welcome to new repairmen **Ron Young**, **Alex Coupet**, **Bill Szczesniak**, and **Carl Durnavitch**, all powerful working employees...Our number one repairman, **Tom Togher**, 38 years, is currently off with a broken leg. Hurry up and walk back to us Tom!...**Herman Swoope** and **Mike McGuinness** are still thrashing along as weekend repair's salt and pepper. Swoope has 35 years and McGuinness is on his 21st. Wow!...Our friend at Desplaines Shop, Foreman **Joe Labellarte**, retired April 1 after what seems a life time of service and dedication. Good luck Joe, we wish you a long and happy retirement...**Patricia Link**, the lovely wife of PM foreman and nice guy **Ernie Link**, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, **Amy Elizabeth** on Feb. 26. Amy weighed 9½ pounds and was a dashing 22 inches long. She joins her ever so beautiful sister, 4-year-old **Kristin**.

Mike McGuinness

*Sixty-first Street switchman **Al Thompkins** and his wife, **Lillian**, an East Chicago, Ind. elementary teacher, are justifiably proud of son **Al Jr.**'s achievements. The 17-year old Rich Central defensive tackle/offensive guard was named to the 1986-87 High School Football All Area list by Chicago area coaches and the Chicago Sun-Times. Presenting Thompkins with a handsome trophy, at a banquet honoring area high school athletes, was Chicago Bears linebacker **Dave Duerson**. Thompkins will attend Colorado State University on a football scholarship, and will major in law enforcement.*



Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

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Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.



Retired bus operator **John H. Bishop, Sr.**, (second from left) and his wife **Constance**, are still basking in fond memories of their recent golden wedding anniversary observance which began with mass at St. Joachim church, celebrated by the Rev. Father Frank Sasso (right). The event also marked the occasion of Bishop's 71st birthday. Following the religious ceremony a memorable anniversary celebration was enjoyed at the Beverly Woods restaurant. Included among guests offering special remarks were Mel Jordan of the NAACP, Alderwoman Marion Humes, and Cylestine Fletcher of the mayor's office. Bishop, who joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Lines as a motorman in 1943, switched to CTA buses in 1949. He was in janitorial service from 1975 until his retirement in 1979. The gala anniversary celebration for the Bishops was compliments of their son, **John H. Bishop, Jr.**, (left) of Detroit.

WANTED

for the June issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**:

Pictures of **high school** or **college** students graduating in 1987 who are **sons** or **daughters** of CTA employees.

All pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and should be wallet size. On the back, provide the student's full name and school, as well as the employee's name and work location.

Submit all pictures to: CTA TRANSIT NEWS,
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The General Office Raiders won CTA Basketball's first place 1986-1987 honors. The champions are (left to right, from top left): Tyrone Brown, Darryl West, Tanno Herring and Elonzo Hill; sponsors Mike LaVelle and Edward Mitchell; coaches Arlis Jones and Daryl Lampkins; and Chester Kidd, Clarence Davis, and Phillips Gary, Jr.



BASKETBALL-BOWLING CHAMPIONS



New champions of the 77th Street Operators Bowling league received trophies at the league's annual banquet. Team members are (from left) Wilson Washington, C. V. Johnson, league president Luther Lee, ATU 241 financial secretary Ms. Wanda Black, who presented the trophies; Howard McMillian, Rufus Meeks, and Robert Kendricks.



Revamp hiring procedures

CTA Personnel department's overriding theme in meeting attrition is to promote from within under the new guidelines now being established by Human Resources and Benefit Services.

Ben Garrett, deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services, said CTA will always seek the most qualified candidates to fill job vacancies, but emphasized that upward mobility--hiring from within--is being given first priority in finding qualified personnel.

"We have a lot of people with academic preparation and experience who are qualified and have varying career interests, and we want to give them an opportunity for advancement when possible," Garrett said.

According to Garrett, the Authority's hiring procedures are be-

ing streamlined for equity, and subjectivity is being minimized. Included in the review and streamlining process are testing procedures, as well as other steps, which are used to measure candidates for employment.

Revised personnel action also requires that after a job vacancy has been filled, each employee who bid for the job be notified. The new criteria calls for filling each vacancy with the best candidate as soon as possible, and utilizing channels of communication to inform every participant in the process.

Record keeping has been revamped and purged of employment applications collected since 1979. In fact, all applications on file for more than 12 months have been removed. The Personnel Employment Section, headed by **Neonia Canty-Howard**, director,

Compensation Employment Administration, has been sub-divided into two sections. Professional and managerial positions are staffed by **Doris Sanders**, professional/management staffing and recruiting, with the assistance of personnel specialist **William Fudala**.

Quarterly departmental staffing forecasts, now being submitted to Personnel on projected job openings, make meeting employment needs more accurate. Thus, the result is a quicker response to a department's requirements, Garrett reports.

"We have the resources and the responsibility to meet these needs, and we want the departments to know that we are committed to serving them and supplying the necessary support," he said.

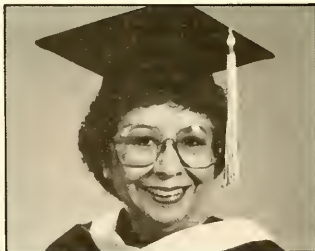
They realized the dream through weekend college

(Editor's note: in September, 1982, we brought you the story of four employees pursuing the dream of a lifetime through Mundelein College's Weekend College in Residence program. Although the process was temporarily interrupted for two of those students, two others had a different ending. Here is their story.)

The quest for baccalaureate degrees by two CTA employees, which began in 1980 in a special weekend only program instituted by the women's liberal arts college at Mundelein in Chicago, ended Sunday, June 7. **Virginia Dare McGraw** and **Janice Louise Olson** marched across the stage at Mundelein College with 191 other degree candidates to receive their diplomas.

Virginia McGraw, executive administrative assistant, Engineering and Maintenance, received the bachelor of arts degree in business administration-management with a minor in psychology. Ms. McGraw entered Mundelein in 1980.

Janice Olson, supervisor, Law File Administration, who entered the college in 1981, received the bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies with a double minor in social welfare and business administration. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.70 grade point average, and was the recipient of special recognition, including departmental honors in humanities, and was nominated for membership in Kappa



Virginia Dare McGraw

Gamma Pi, the national honor society of Catholic women.

She was also included in the 1987 volume of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*, and received Mundelein's coveted Marilyn Gorski Service Award for commitment and service to the college and surrounding college community.

McGraw and Olson are looking forward to doing once more what most people take for granted—using vacation time for leisure instead of having to do research for a paper, or preparing for exams.

The weekend program required a special sense of discipline for McGraw and Olson because it extended their college education over seven and six years respectively. "But," said McGraw, "we did it, and it feels good, because we did it for ourselves."

"The toughest part," McGraw, who likes to travel, remembered, "was after



Janice Louise Olson

working all week having to be in a classroom on those beautiful weekends when everybody else was enjoying themselves." The weekend program at Mundelein began in 1974, and was the prototype for weekend college programs across the nation.

Another CTA employee joining the ranks of Mundelein's alumnae on June 7 was **Margaret Mary Baxa** who received a bachelor of arts degree in English. Ms. Baxa, who was enrolled in the college's traditional program, received special recognition as a member of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and secretary of Mundelein's student government. She is also included in *Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*.

Margaret Baxa is a staff assistant in the office of CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**. She joined CTA during the summer of 1985 as a part time employee in the Personnel department.

Rail Maintenance RoundUp planned for August 8-9



Rail terminal repairers, clerks, servicers, and foremen are gearing up for the annual Rail Maintenance RoundUp which is set for August 8-9 at Wilson Shop.

Participants will be given a multiple choice test on their knowledge of equipment, safety, and shop procedures. They will also be tested on parts identification.

A hands-on test to be conducted on a rail car will include a visual inspection, a knuckle change-out, and a trolley beam standardization. The last two activities will be timed, with the most points being awarded for the fastest accomplishment of the hands-on tasks.

First-place winners of the 1986 Rail Maintenance RoundUp, representing Desplaines terminal, were **Joe LaBellarte**, shop foreman; **Roland Scheibe**, repairer, and **Michael Averitt**, clerk. In second place from Howard terminal were shop foreman **Gary Kemp**, repairer **Antonio Flores**, and clerk **Glenn McCarthy**. Third-place winners representing 98th terminal were repairers **David Artis** and **Lee Slay**, and clerk **Dorothy Ballard**.



Making a visual inspection of the work at hand are the Desplaines terminal first-place winners in the 1986 Rail Maintenance RoundUp. They are [from left] Roland Scheibe, Joe LaBellarte, and Michael Averitt.



Certain to try again are last year's second-place finishers from Howard terminal. They are [from left] Glenn McCarthy, Antonio Flores, and Gary Kemp.



Dorothy Ballard, 98th terminal, is flanked by team members David Artis [left] and Lee Slay as the 1986 third-place trio records defects from visual inspection.

Trip into yesteryear awaits museum visitors

A transit trip back into time awaits visitors this summer at the Illinois Railway Museum near Union.

Volunteer workers at the well-known public transit museum in McHenry County are completing restoration on the CTA's former 50th Avenue (Cicero) Douglas ground level rapid transit station.

The museum acquired the closed station from the CTA in 1978 and trucked it and its platform out to Union. This old frame station is being carefully restored, complete with a pot-bellied stove and interior fittings from its early days. The platform can berth up to five cars on the museum's trackage.

Besides cars of the Chicago Rapid Transit Company (a CTA predecessor) and the CTA, the station's platform also will berth cars from Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee interurban trains and those of Chicago Aurora and Elgin trains. Both defunct railroads once used CTA tracks and stations.

Other restoration work includes creation of a street scene as a setting for several streetcars donated to the

museum by the CTA Board in 1985. This scene, in the museum's newest building, will include paving blocks and street lamps. This project will be open to the public for the first time this year.

Restoration continued on two other CTA streetcars, known as the "match-box design" cars. Because the original General Electric traction motors no longer exist, two similar motors were located in Egypt and shipped to Union. These two cars should be in running shape soon.

The museum is expanding its rolling stock while track and pedestrian walks continue to be improved.

Joining the Illinois Railway Museum's fleet are CTA's Skokie Swift car No. 52 and 'L' cars 6461 and 6462 and a Chicago Surface Lines motor bus, No. 3407. The Chicago Surface Lines is also a predecessor company of the CTA.

Car No. 52 is a three-section articulated train built in 1947 by the Pullman-Standard Company for the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. The Skokie Swift articulated car was taken

out of service in September, 1985 and donated to the museum.

Besides the CTA rolling stock, railfans will also find steam trains, interurbans, and trolley buses. The railway museum's extensive track loop provides visitors unlimited riding on the various types of rolling stock after their paid admission.

The museum is located just off the Marengo exit of the Northwest Tollway (I-90). The northbound and southbound exits are well-signed and the directions are easy to follow.

Visitors may enter the museum between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, from Memorial day to Labor day. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays. After Labor day, it will be open only on Saturdays until September 26 and on Sundays until October 25. Steam trains will operate on weekends only between May 17 and September 27.

A series of special events are planned for the summer months. To telephone the museum, dial 1-815-923-2488 during the hours it is open to visitors.

[Museum photos by Pete Vesic]



Illinois Railway Museum visitors will see this restored ground level station looking as good as new. The former CTA property was the 50th Avenue (Cicero) Douglas 'L' station.

Chicago Surface Lines motor bus 3407, acquired by the rail museum last year, sits next to pre-World War II President's Conference Committee (PCC) streetcar 4021, awaiting transport from the Lawndale yard to the museum at Union.



Skokie Swift car No. 52, a Pullman-Standard three-section articulated train built in 1947, is shown being unloaded at the Illinois Railway Museum.

Also recently acquired by the museum was "L" car 6462, shown resting on a flatcar connected to one carrying car 52. Passing both cars (left) is a train of 4000 series cars built by the Cincinnati Car Company in 1922-23. The last of these cars used by CTA were operated on the Evanston route in the early 1970's.



John Patterson (South Section) was commended for his "exemplary conduct" as conductor of a Lake/Dan Ryan train ridden one Sunday by Ruth Orman, of Elmwood Park. "He was courteous and pleasant to every passenger he approached to collect fares or answer questions. A group of youngsters boarded, and were very rowdy and boisterous. Soon he approached them and spoke to them quietly. In a matter of seconds the car was quiet. They continued to talk and laugh, but the rowdiness was gone. When they left the train they were happy and laughing. He did not quell their spirit. He quieted it."



Zeferino Guerrero (North Park garage) was praised by Rick Kuner, who rode his No. 36 Broadway bus one morning to work on south Michigan Avenue. "A woman standing in the aisle fainted, hitting her head on the grab bar on the way down. The driver's response was excellent. He stopped the bus, used the radio to request an ambulance, helped passengers assist the woman, and asked other passengers for relevant information. He also made sure that riders boarded the following bus to the extent that there was space, and responded to inquiries politely and quickly. What really impressed me was his professional manner."

Sherman McKinney (Kedzie garage) was appreciated by J. Earl Pittman, of Hazel Crest, for his "positive attitude" as operator of a No. 12 Roosevelt bus. "He smiled and greeted me, saying 'Good morning.' I was not in a good mood myself, but his mannerism really gave me a boost. He was well-groomed, clean shaven, and wore a uniform that was presentable. He smiled as he greeted passengers at later stops. This driver seemed to be ready for the public and his job. This means a lot to the public, although they may not express their opinion by being courteous in return."

Paul Osipavicius (Archer garage) was thanked by Angie Syno, of South Wood Street, for his courtesy as operator of a 51st Street bus. "My sister and I saw the bus coming, so we ran as fast as we could to beat it, but the bus reached the stop before we did. We were sure he'd pull away, but he saw us and waited for us. He was also nice to all the other passengers who boarded his bus. He was a good driver, too, with no jerks or fast stops. It was a joy riding with him. It gave us a good feeling to know that there are still some drivers that care about us. the public, Cheers to driver No. 22943."

Jose Diaz (Limits garage) was complimented by Joe Berlen Jr., of Nora Avenue, "for having the best manners and the most patience" as operator of a No. 8 Halsted bus. "I thought this woman was trying to drive your driver nuts. I got on the bus at Lincoln, and this woman was still bugging the driver when I got off at 69th. She must have asked him directions a dozen times, and he never lost his cool. He was nice to the old ladies and pulled up to the curbs for them. You must have a contest or something going on, because I would have thrown the lady off the bus if I were him."

Robert Kremer (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 11 Lincoln bus that Marie Mosinski, of North Monitor Avenue, rode with her daughter to Children's Memorial Hospital. "He was a joy to watch, driving carefully and even calling all the stops. He had a cheery greeting for everyone boarding, and told everyone to be careful when stepping off the bus. About an hour later, on our trip back home, we got the same bus and driver. He was still as pleasant as before. This driver surely is a credit to the CTA, and should be commended for doing such a fine job. He is certainly appreciated."

Esmeraldo Segarra (69th Street garage) was called "a true professional" by Gerard Pavlik, of Berwyn, who rode his No. 45 Ashland/Archer bus. "I was greeted with the warmest of smiles and a very friendly 'Good morning.' I was even thanked for the fare which I put in the box. His personality and special way quickly melted my 'ugly mood,' and made me feel appreciated as a passenger. Not only was this gentleman friendly and personable, but he took care in his driving, moving his bus along with precision, and clearly calling out each stop. He gave each passenger his utmost attention when they boarded and departed."

Wade Jones (Limits garage) "was a pleasure to drive with," wrote Winifred Good, of North Lake Shore Drive. "He is extremely courteous and thoughtful. He saw me running for the (No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express) bus and waited. He did the same for a couple of other people. He was also pleasant and consistently polite in answering quite a few passenger questions. To top it off, he is a very steady, safe driver. At no time were we thrown around or jerked unmercifully with starts and stops, and he stayed in the first lane all the way down the Outer Drive. You are fortunate indeed to have such an employee."

cta 1/2 PRICE TICKETS!



Maxicare Illinois Inc., a Health Maintenance Organization offered to all CTA employees, is sponsoring a CTA-Maxicare Family Night at Comiskey Park on Saturday, August 29, at 6 p.m., when the White Sox will host the Kansas City Royals.

A CTA official will throw out the first pitch. Bring your whole family and enjoy the game and the fireworks display immediately following the game.



Coupons for half-price tickets will be inserted in your paychecks on the following days: Bus, August 5; Rapid Transit, August 12; General office, July 31.

For additional coupons, contact your supervisor, or call the Maxicare Marketing Department at 786-9830, Ext. 2000.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

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Cornell Brown, 77th Street
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Joseph Zukerman, North Park

Honor seven Day in CTA recipients

The immediate response of agent supervisor **Dorothy Johnson** made the difference between disaster and recovery when a female CTA patron, who was running to catch a southbound train at Randolph and Washington, fell onto the tracks.

The woman had just asked Johnson for directions and was hurrying along with her daughter to the berthing area, when she lost her footing and toppled onto the tracks as the train was approaching.

Ms. Johnson ran to the woman's aid and, with the help of the victim's daughter, pulled her to safety. Meanwhile, motorman **David Willis** realized the danger and stopped the train about 100 feet from the incident. The control center was notified, and the lady was taken to the hospital by a fire department ambulance.

Ms. Johnson's prompt response to the situation resulted in her selection as "A Day in CTA" honoree. Motorman Willis was also honored for being alert and avoiding the potential tragedy.

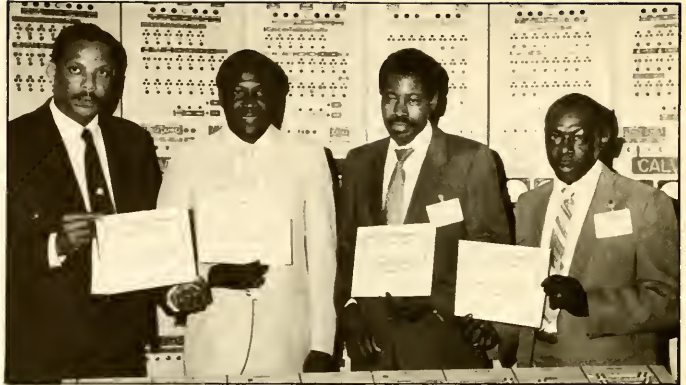
West-Northwest conductor **William Thomas** and bus operator **Donald Houston** were also honored for their meritorious actions during two crisis situations. Thomas assisted in safely evacuating approximately 40 riders from his train after a fire had started under one of its cars.

Houston was a passenger on a northbound Kimball-Homas bus, when a distraught man carrying a small child boarded at Homan and Washington. The man pulled a pistol and demanded that the bus operator divert his route for another location.

The bus was stopped immediately, and passengers, in a virtual state of panic, exited through the rear door when operator Houston activated the emergency door handle. A few minutes later, police arrived and brought the situation under control.

Other "Day in CTA" honorees receiving the accolades of management recently were North Park bus operators **Curtis Esters** and **Funsho Macaulay**, and 1984 Third Rail RoundUp champion, O'Hare motorman **James Hentz**.

While he was working along the Sheridan Road route, Esters



Displaying their special recognition certificates received as "Day in CTA" honorees are (from left) **Curtis Esters**, North Park; motorman **James Hentz**, O'Hare terminal; operator **Funsho Macaulay**, North Park, and motorman **David Willis**, 61st Street terminal.

distinguished himself by coming to the aid of a man whom he found lying on the street near Adams and Wacker Drive. Esters notified the control center, stopped his bus, and gave aid and comfort to the victim, who appeared to be having a seizure.

In a similar situation along the same route, Operator Macaulay was northbound near Belmont when a woman passenger was stricken by a heart attack. After receiving no immediate response to his call from the control center, and with little time to ponder the situation, Macaulay rushed his passenger to a nearby Lake Shore Drive hospital.

The woman's condition was verified by hospital officials, and Operator

Macaulay was commended for using good judgment and taking decisive action in the case.

In another unusual occurrence, Motorman **James Hentz** was at Racine Avenue on the West-Northwest Route, waiting for police with a woman passenger who had been harassed by two men aboard the train.

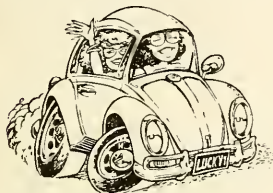
As Hentz stood waiting with the woman, one of the men attacked him, and a struggle ensued. The attacker fell onto the right-of-way, and motorman Hentz helped him back onto the platform. Police arrived and the two men were taken into custody. Hentz was praised for intervening on behalf of the rider.



Day in CTA honorees are treated to lunch at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club following a tour of general office facilities. The honored guests are (seated from left) conductor **William Thomas**, agent supervisor **Dorothy Johnson**, and operator **Donald Houston**. Accompanying them is (seated right) planning analyst **Kelsy King**, Operations Administrative Services. Standing are (from left) **Harry Reddick**, acting senior deputy executive director, Transportation; **Michael V. LaValle**, manager, Transportation Services; **Robert Desvignes**, manager, Operations Administrative Services; **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Transportation Personnel; **David Martin**, manager, Communications/Power Control; **Paul Kadowaki**, acting manager, Instruction, and **William Thompson**, director, Management and Professional Development.

Don't let your summer getaway get you down

Visions of vacation are probably dancing in your head right now. The chance to get away from it all, have fun, be with your family. Whether your idea of vacation is escaping to peace and quiet or seeking adventure and excitement, the one thing you shouldn't overlook is safety and health. Without proper preparation, an unseen event could spoil your vacation, or worse, end in a tragic accident. The National Safety Council offers the following tips to keep in mind while planning for your time off.



DRIVING - Millions of people take to the nation's roads in the summer, and many of them experience the frustration of car trouble. Before starting out on your getaway trip, have a qualified mechanic give your car or van a thorough check. Cooling system, brakes, belts, tires, engine fluids, and lights are most likely to give you trouble.

To be super prepared for the unexpected, you should take along the following: jack, spare tire, 3/8" to 1/2" thick plywood board to support the jack, lug wrench, work light, wrenches, screwdrivers [Phillips and flat head], locking pliers, flashlight, fuses, spare lower radiator hose and drive belts, epoxy sealer for fluid leaks, electrical tape and wire, fire extinguisher, flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables, and engine fluids such as oil and coolant.

Overheating is one of the most common car problems in the summer. If your engine temperature gauge starts reading hotter than usual, shut off all accessories, especially the air conditioner. Open all windows, and turn on the heater [yes, the heater] to force coolant through the motor. If this gauge reaches its limit, pull the car safely off the road and shut off the engine. Be sure the engine has time to cool before investigating the problem. Never open a radiator cap or

touch cooling system parts while the engine is hot or running.

Summer is a dangerous time to be on America's roadways--more motor vehicle accidents happen during this time than in any other season. Buckling your safety belt and making sure children are fastened in child safety seats will give you and your family added protection. The National Safety Council estimates that about 12,000 lives could be saved each year if everyone wore safety belts.



WATER ACTIVITIES

-Whether you're in, on, or just around water, extra caution should be used. Life vests are probably the most important ingredient in water safety. These personal flotation devices [PFDs] should be worn at all times by children and nonswimming and older adults. The law requires that at least one PFD be available for each passenger on a boat. Boats 16 feet and longer require an additional "throwable" PFD.

Boating and drinking, just like driving and drinking, can be a deadly combination. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that almost 70 percent of all boating accidents involve capsizing, falls overboard, or crashing into another boat or floating object. Many of these accidents are caused by drinking boaters. If you're drinking alcohol, don't go out on your craft.

Swimmers should know their limitations before entering the water. If you're not confident in your swimming ability, stick to water activities where lifeguards are on duty. Better yet, take swimming lessons before your trip!



SUN WORSHIPPING -There's something about a tan. Sunbathing and related activities draw millions to beaches and resorts in search of the perfect skin tone. The temporary pain of sunburn, however, can have long-term effects of greater consequence. Skin cancer is increasing at a rapid rate in this country, and dermatologists say that our preoccupation with tanning is a primary cause.

No one expects you to spend your vacation in a cave, but some simple precautions can protect you and your family from the harsh sun. Use a sun screen with a Sun Protection Factor [SPF] that matches your skin type. The SPF tells you how many hours you can stay in the sun before you get a burn equal to one hour's exposure without sun screen. Apply the sun screen about half an hour before you venture out and remember to reapply it after you've been in the water or perspiring heavily.

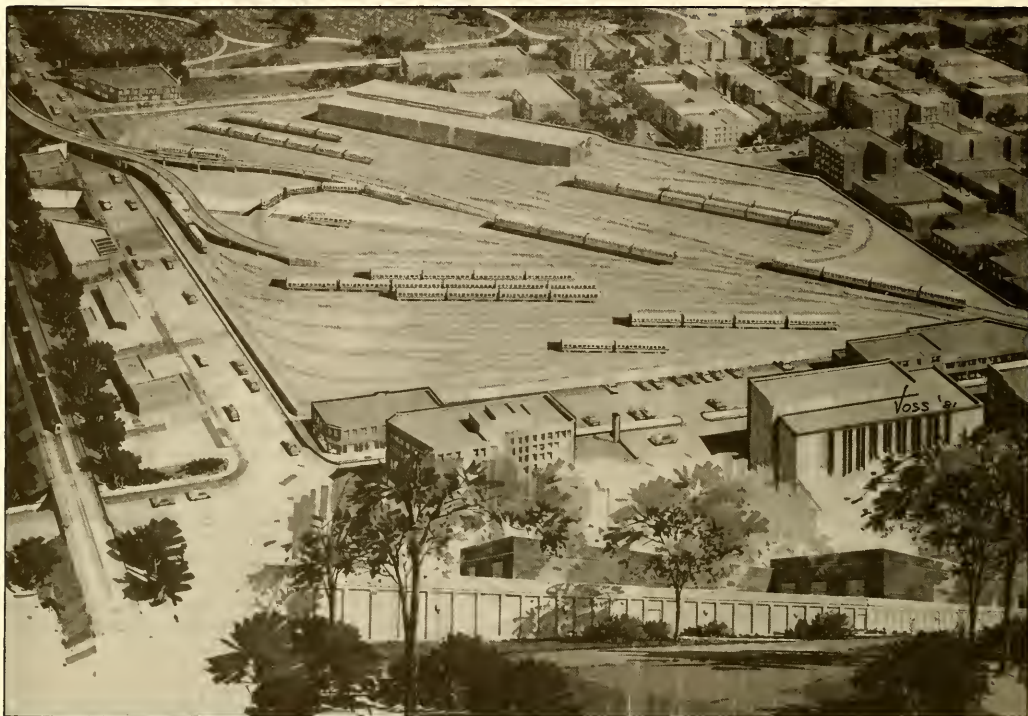
The Skin Cancer Foundation suggests not tanning between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest.



BACK TO WORK - Even after a wonderful, accident-free, trouble-free vacation, many people experience depression when they go back to work the day after returning from vacation. If you can, plan your trip so you'll have one day between vacation and work. That way you can unpack, do laundry, and unwind at a more leisurely pace.

Accept the fact that you may be a bit flustered when you first return--after all, you're changing gears again. But that great vacation will still be fresh in your mind.

State Street subway to link



The enlarged Howard yard and maintenance facility will be located at track level with a new grade separation (top, left) leading to the Evanston and Skokie Swift branches. Detail drawing (bottom, right) shows maintenance facility built on embankment.

In a few years rapid transit riders will be traveling between the Dan Ryan's 95th Street terminal on the South side and the Howard terminal on the far North side through the State Street subway.

Completion of this multi-million dollar project will provide direct service between 95th Street and Howard Street. Trains operating at closer intervals will improve service for downtown commuters and through riders. Chicago Cub fans and Wrigleyville commuters will also enjoy more convenient service at a modern, completely rebuilt Addison station.

CTA will benefit from the operating efficiency that will result from pairing two of its busiest rapid transit branches, because trains in the State Street subway will experience full utilization at both ends of the Howard-Dan Ryan line. Branches with lower ridership—Lake, Ravenswood, Evanston Express,

Englewood and Jackson Park—will operate on the Loop 'L'.

The project will improve four areas of the rapid transit system:

95th-Dan Ryan: Storage capacity at the 98th Street yard will be increased from 116 to 198 cars by extending the yard southward along highway I-94.

Dan Ryan-Subway connector: An elevated-subway connector, now under construction, will link the Dan Ryan elevated structure, near Archer Avenue and LaSalle Street, to the State Street subway at 13th Street. The existing elevated right-of-way, from Archer/LaSalle to the Southeast corner of the Loop 'L', will be reassigned to receive trains to the Loop 'L' from Midway Airport when the new Southwest Transit extension is completed.

Addison station: A modern station will be built at Addison Street, replacing the station that has served Wrigley Field area for 80 years.

Riders will enter a brightly-lit, glass-fronted station building on the North side of Addison Street, where modern fare collection equipment will serve thousands of riders more efficiently. They will proceed up escalators, elevators and stairs to a brightly-lit center island train platform equipped with infra-red heaters and windbreaks. Local trains on the two inner tracks will stop at the platform, and Evanston Express trains will pass by on the two outer tracks. An additional peak-hour entrance/24-hour exit will be provided on the South side of Addison Street.

Howard Street: Storage capacity at the Howard yard will be increased from 150 to 262 rail cars, and a modern terminal maintenance facility will be built north of the yard. All rail car storage and maintenance will be located at one level, with a grade separation leading to the Evanston and Skokie Swift lines. Train movements will be simplified, and

Howard and Dan Ryan Lines



Modernized and enlarged Addison station will serve Wrigley Field (background). Station features center island platform with bright lighting, windbreaks and infra-red heaters. Two escalators, elevators and stairs lead to modern station building (lower right).

there will be no switching conflicts between Evanston and Howard trains during rush hours. The new terminal maintenance facility will provide inspection and sub-unit replacement for the Howard-Dan Ryan trains, replacing and relocating the overcrowded and outmoded Wilson stop.

The new route alignments will provide more balanced service and greater operating efficiency. The new Howard-Dan Ryan route will be 22 miles long, with 33 stations serving an average daily ridership of 164,000. The Lake-Englewood-Jackson Park route will operate on the Lake Street and Wabash Avenue portions of the Loop 'L'. Ravenswood, Evanston Express and Southwest Extension trains will operate in a loop on the Loop 'L'. The 27-mile O'Hare-Congress-Douglas route, CTA's longest rapid transit route, will continue to operate in the Dearborn Street subway.

Free transfer between the Dearborn Street subway and the Loop 'L' will be made through the State of Ill-

inois Center building at the Clark/Lake elevated and subway stations (now under construction). Free transfer between the Dearborn Street subway and the State Street Subway is available via underground walkways connecting the Washington and Jackson stations on each route.

The Howard/Dan-Ryan project is managed through a design and construction committee, including the Department of Public Works project manager and technical representatives from CTA. The committee meets every Friday morning to review drawings and resolve technical problems.

Design and construction of Howard yard is being handled by CTA, and the balance of the Howard/Dan-Ryan project is the responsibility of the City of Chicago, Department of Public Works.

The \$142 million Howard/Dan-Ryan project is funded by federal and state transportation agencies through the City of Chicago, and is being built by the Department of Public Works.



New twin-span bridge under construction on the Evanston 'L' route at Chicago Avenue replaces old bridge at right.



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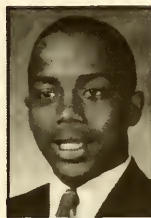
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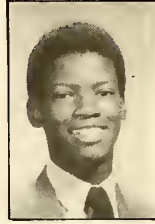
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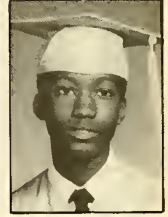
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Westmont H.S.
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Michael McCarthy
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Forest Park



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James L. McCurtis
Forest Park



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St. Xavier College
Roy D. McGrath
District B



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South Shore H.S.
Ester McKelker
Agents District



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Thornton Community College
Raymond Morton
77th Street



JAMES MOTT
Mendel H.S.
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District B



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Taft H.S.
George Munyer
North Park



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Marvin Young
Rancetta Young
69th Street



MIKE NELSON
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Ronald J. Nelson
West Shops



NYREE LORRAINE NEWTON
Crown Academy
Lorraine Newton
North Park



VALENCIA MARIE NOBLES
Hyde Park Academy
John C. Nobles
Madison/Wabash



SHEILA PRINCE
Eastern Illinois University
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Divine Word Seminary
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Dorothy J. Johnson
Agents District



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West Shops



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Anthony I. Ritrovato
Law/Claim



CHAVONNE RODGERS
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Shirley Yarbrough
M.I.S.



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Harvard University
Madison Sample, Sr.
Operations



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Operations



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Rene E. Sauriol
South Shops



LAWRENCE SMITH
Corliss H.S.
L.C. Smith
Retiree



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Univ. of Wisconsin
Robert L. Spann
North Park



THOMAS STAUNTON
Notre Dame H.S.
Thomas J. Staunton
West Shops



JILL L. STILES
Niles North H.S.
John F. Stiles
Howard



BELINDA STOVALL
Maria H.S.
J.K. Stovall
Beverly



PAMELA SUNDBLAD
Oak Forest H.S.
Paul Sundblad
South Shops



LAWRENCE TISHER
Marist H.S.
Lawrence Tisher
Material Control



ANTHONY CRUISE-VALDESPINO III
Niles North H.S.
Maria Acevdo
Howard



SHEILA MARIE WALKER
Curie H.S.
Benjamin F. Walker
Archer



DIANE WALLACE
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Edward Wallace
South District



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Huber H.S.
Patricia Washington
Kedzie
James Washington
77th Street



JAMES R. WILLIAMS, JR.
Luther South H.S.
James R. Williams, Sr.
Archer



PAUL L. WILLIAMS
Luther South H.S.
James R. Williams, Sr.
Archer



WALTER L. WILLIAMS
Whitney Young H.S.
Elois Terrell
Lawndale



STACI MICHELLE WOOD
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Roger Wood
Management Services



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Don Yabush
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AMY LYNN ZANIN
Glenbard East H.S.
Chuck Zanin
Management Services



WILLIAM B. ZEPP
St. Charles H.S.
James Zepp
Rail Instruction

Morgan Park coed earns four years of tuition



Jennifer L. Thomas, 18, a June graduate of Morgan Park high school was awarded the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' four-year tuition scholarship.

Miss Thomas is the daughter of CTA Purchasing department unit supervisor Joan J. Thomas, and People's Gas Light and Coke company meter reading senior clerk Jimmie Thomas.

Jennifer, who ranked 22nd in a class of 419 graduating Morgan Park high school seniors, completed her cur-

riculum with a 3.9 grade point average.

The academic honors track in which she participated during her four years at the magnet school included English, French, Italian, geometry, advanced algebra, chemistry and physics. She also took several advanced placement college courses, including calculus.

Miss Thomas will attend Spelman college in Atlanta, GA where she will pursue a baccalaureate degree in law enforcement.

Award degrees to more employees

Two Operations employees, a South Shops painter, and a member of the Field Review section, Financial Services, were among college students receiving diplomas at spring commencement exercises throughout the Chicago area.

Bus Controller **Tessa Gaines**, a CTA employee for 13 years, was awarded the master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Chicago State University in a May 30 commencement. She earned the degree with a 3.84 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Mrs. Gaines is the wife of Chicago Police detective Ronald Gaines, and the mother of four children who range in age from 14 years to nine months old. Her father, **George McCoy**, was recently retired from 77th street garage after 28 years of service.

Another 1987 CSU graduate was **Lee Cherry**, Field Review financial reporting and analysis supervisor. Cherry, a CTA employee for 19 years, received the bachelor of arts degree from the Board of Governors program with emphasis in accounting. He and his wife, Ellen, are the parents of two daughters, Larynae, and Misti.

Graduating from Roosevelt University with a bachelor of arts degree in data processing was Operations Ad-



Tessa Gaines



Wendy Jackson



Robert D. Kuropas



Lee Cherry

ministrative Services department programmer/analyst **Wendy Jackson**.

Miss Jackson, who joined CTA in 1983, plans to continue her education at Northwestern Kellogg School of Business for a master of business administration (MBA) degree.

Graduating from Richard J. Daley

Community College with an associate of applied science degree in transportation management was **Robert D. Kuropas** of the South Shops Paint Shop. A CTA employee since 1977, he is the son of South Shops retiree **Stanley Kuropas**.

Engineer's son appointed to Naval Academy

Dennis Penepacker II, 18, son of senior structural engineer **Dennis Penepacker, Sr.**, and **Mrs. Rosemarie Penepacker**, has accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was nominated by U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

Young Penepacker is a 1987 graduate of Niles North high school, where he ranked 10th in a class of 458 students, and he is a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Scholar. He was offered a National Merit scholarship to Northwestern

University, but declined the offer to join the Naval Academy's class of 1991. He was also accepted at the University of Illinois.

While at Niles North, Penepacker was drum major of the high school marching band, a member of the math team and German Club, and served as editor of Calliope, the school's literary magazine.

Penepacker, who wants a degree in nuclear engineering, will study electrical engineering initially. He will enter the academy on July 1.



Supt. Bennett directs youth bowling program

Young Chicago bowling enthusiasts from six years old to age 20 converged on the City of Detroit over the Easter weekend where they were engaged in a national keglers competition for youth.

Arthur Bennett, superintendent at 77th Street garage, and other adult chaperones were at Starlite Bowl on the city's south side as early as 5 a.m. on Good Friday, where they loaded 500 young people onto 11 buses for the 280-mile trip to Motor City which got underway before the crack of dawn.

Bennett, who is in his first year as director of the Chicago Bowling Senate for Youth, has been a member of the organization for 12 years. "Like most things in which parents become involved, I got into this program because my son wanted to be involved in the youth bowling program," said Bennett, whose son, Arthur Jr., at age 20, is still participating in the Chicago Bowling Senate which is open to



Arthur Bennett (foreground), director of the Chicago Bowling Senate for Youth, is surrounded by parents who assisted him as chaperones for the 500 young keglers who participated in the national bowling competition in Detroit.

youths up to 22 years old. Now in his eighth season on the road, Bennett said, "Every Easter weekend I am on the highway with the kids." They are usually back in Chicago by 5 p.m. Easter Sunday.

The youth bowling program in-

cludes several members of CTA families. "We think we have an excellent program which provides our young people with wholesome recreation, competitiveness, a sense of fair play, and accomplishment," Bennett concluded.

General Office Raiders are basketball champs

The General Office Raiders, coached by **Arliss Jones** and **Daryl Lampkins**, dominated CTA's basketball league from start to finish with a 15-1 record, scoring an average 90.3 points per game.

Led by veteran co-captains **Clarence Davis** and **Tyrone Brown**, the Raiders demonstrated precision performance in the deliveries of **Tanno Herring**, **Derrick Washington**, and **Lomar Springs**, all new team members. Contributing to their outstanding effort was the veteran expertise of **Elonzo Hill**, **Darryl West**,

Phillip Gary, and **Chester Kidd**. Guards **Herring**, **West**, **Brown**, and **Gary**, and center **Clarence Davis** were the basic starting Raiders' personnel.

Springs who joined the team late in the season, immediately impacted the Raiders' effort with his flashy passes and ball handling. **Gary** and **Herring** carried the scoring load early in the season, and both players blended into the team concept as the season progressed.

The 1987 championship game was a rematch of two of 1986's most exciting teams, the Raiders and the

Outlaws. What the Raiders lacked in height they compensated with speed and hustle, and were never once intimidated.

Special recognition is in order for a trio of outstanding Raiders mentors, head coach **Arliss Jones**, and coaches **Daryl Lampkins** and **Chester Kidd**. Their season-long concept of the fast break basketball, and complete team effort paid off.

The basketball Champions are shown on the front cover.

Keglers' banquet climaxes season for 77th St. league

Trophies for outstanding keglers, good food, great music and dancing marked the 25th annual close-of-season banquet for the 77th Street Operators' bowling league May 8 at south suburban Alsip's Condesa Del Mar.

Receiving handsome individual trophies were **Levi Wardell**, who busted 710 pins for high series scratch. Taking the individual high scratch game trophy with 279 pins was **Willie Lipsey, Jr.** Retiree **Howard McMillan** who topped

733 pins, garnered the individual high series handicap award and **Lee Burns**, the league's most improved bowler, received the individual high game handicap prize with 280 pins.

Emery Gipson toppled all keglers for the season with a league average 190.45. Gipson was followed by **Ron Thompson** with 189.76. Other respective averages were: **Elbert**

Ford, 188.06; **Willie Prince**, 187.24; **Robert Kendricks**, 186.91; **Ben Barnett**, 186.73; **William Thompson**, 186.34; **Levi Wardell**, 186.08; **James Stewart**, 183.18; **Ray Williams**, 180.92; **C.V. Johnson**, 180.69, and **Willie Lipsey, Jr.**, 180.56.

Team Standings

Finishing in first place for the 1986 season was the **Pinbusters**, followed by **Friday's Trouble**, the 1985-86 first place team. Other respective team placements for the year from third to 12th place were: **Archer Bandits**, **Golden Arms**, **Beetles**, **Roadrunners**, **Thunderballs**, **Leadere**, **Baggers**, **Fireballs**, **Hot Rodders**, and **Hitmen**.

Assisting league officials with awarding trophies were 77th Street Superintendent **Walter Caston**, ATU 241 Financial Secretary/Treasurer **Wanda J. Black**, and Transit News Editor **Richard (Rick) Willis**. Caston and Willis were accompanied by their wives, **Mrs. Dianna Caston** of the CTA Safety department, and **Mrs. Dorothy W. Willis**.

League President **Luther B. Lee** said the organization is looking for enough bowlers to form five new teams with five or six men per team. Lee said anyone wishing to be a part of a new team, or join an existing team which needs new members should attend the first meeting of the 1987-88 season which is set for 8 p.m. Friday, August 14 at the Evergreen Tower Bowling Alley in Evergreen Park. New Officers will be elected at that time, Lee said. The season begins activity Friday, August 21 at Evergreen beginning at 9:30 p.m.

Other league members closing out the year as officers were: **Willie Lipsey**, vice president; **Frank Bailey**, secretary; **Wilson Washington**, treasurer, and **Howard McMillan**, sergeant-at-arms.



Displaying their new jackets are members of the second place "Friday's Trouble." They are (from left) **John White**, **Columbus Woods**, **William Thompson**, **Calvin McCants**, **Walter Caston**, superintendent, 77th Street garage who presented the jackets, **Emery Gipson**, and **Levi Wardell**.



Trophies for third place were presented to members of the "Archer Bandits" by Transit News editor **Rick Willis**. Members of the third place team are (from left) **E.J. Coleman**, **Herbie Hodge**, **J.J. Johnson**, **T. Ireland**, **S. Simmons**, **Rick Willis**, and **Elbert Ford**.



The "Golden Arms" proudly display their fourth place trophies also presented by Transit News Editor **Rick Willis**. They are (from left) **J. Ollie**, **C. Brown**, **Ron Thompson**, **Willis**, League Secretary **Frank Bailey**, and **W.M. Carter**. In the background is **J.C. White** of "Friday's Trouble."

INSIDE NEWS

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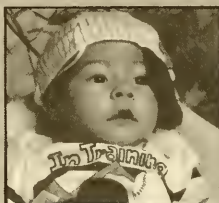
North Park

Ask Tony Zenner the benefits of curbing your bus and he may not only flash you a smile but his new wedding ring, too. Seems that a while back, a female passenger boarded his bus and introductions followed, and well, you know the rest. Tony and Kim said their "we do's" and boarded the Amtrak train to spend their honeymoon in Seattle,



Washington...Line Instructor Jesus Vasquez becomes somewhat of a celebrity this year by having the first student, Alfonso Reyes, at North Park this summer. Though you may not be able to tell from their expressions in this picture, we're sure they both had a really pleasant time working Clark Street — right gentlemen?...Has anyone else ever noticed that operator Marco Coronado wears those Oscar de La Renta designer ties with his uniform, H-mm...Not just a rumor but fact folks! Seems that a certain operator who justifiably wants to remain incognito missed a recent pick for the summer runs all because he overslept. Which wouldn't be so bad if for the fact that he only lives three blocks from the station! S-hhh! His initials are V. D. and he lives on Oakdale Street...Extra Board operator Zeferino Guerrero, Jr. has only been on the job a little over fifteen months and, lo and behold, has received a commendation for coming to the aid of a young female passenger who fainted aboard his bus. Oh well, at least Mr. Guerrero Junior

didn't faint when his wife America gave him his first look at their newborn first



son Zeferino Guerrero, III at the hospital a few months ago...

Would you believe that Sally Olivier, Vondietra Butler, Frances Walker, Maria Agnew, Maria Perea, Olivia Hewitt, Maggie Chitto, Wanda Hall, Iona Williams and Diane McPeck are just a few of the operators who have signed up for the new ladies softball team that practices at 55th & King Drive on the southside Tuesday mornings? Maybe some of their male counterparts on the North Park Styx or Breezer's baseball team will come out and offer some well intentioned winning ways, huh guys?!...Even though we haven't seen operator Alice Richman around the station for many of the past months, we knew she was off sick, but we did spot her just recently and knew she was in better health because she had her trademark 'toothpick' nearby; so stay healthy there kiddo...

Did Halipson Rivera and his wife Anna get their son Adrian one of those expensive Teddy Ruxpin teddybears for his third birthday on the fifteenth of March? If not, we hope young Adrian hasn't learned how to read at least this issue yet folks...Even though 'those guys' at the back of the garage, none other than the North Park repair department's North Park Dogs softball team,

have a two-year undefeated team standing, how come we don't have a game between the gentlemen who drive the buses and the gentlemen who repair them? After all, we are in a sense 'all on the same team' are we not people?...Sight seen: supervisor William McDonald providing super-duper service replacing an outside left mirror on one of the Clark Street buses after the operator's call to control had been on the air just a short while...

Extra board operator Angel Cabrera and his wife Laura will mark the 29th of August as a special day because they will have been married eight thousand, three hundred and ninety-five days. And just in case either one of them gets a little confused adding all of these passing days for their anniversary, they always can turn to their daughter Jacqueline who graduated this June from Northeastern University with a B.A. degree in Accounting. And as long as we're speaking of graduates, we better mention that Mr. and Mrs. Cabrera also have another daughter Jennie who will graduate from Good Council High School and plans to attend St. Norbert College in Wisconsin as a pre-law student...

If and when Lorraine Newton brings along a photograph of her daughter Nyree, who is all of 14 years of age and graduating from Crown Academy, we will include it for one of our future issues. O.K. now Lorraine, you are now committed in print for that photo...

And if we don't mention that Imelda "Cookie" Brown has a daughter Cina, 14, graduating from Nettlehorst School, this wouldn't be news about some of North Park's finest. Besides, Cookie will probably forget to mention — until way later — that there is going to be a wedding on the 23rd of August at Faith Tabernacle Church: so now everyone reading this can inquire "where's my invitation?"...

Badge #4924 belongs to operator Maurice Hanna and he says he still has his certificate of completion meaning 800, right, 800 hours of training in his endeavor to become a bus mechanic. Anyone in the repair department — anyone — could you please take note of this perhaps?...

How many magicians did you ever recall seeing that looked so serious as the gentleman pictured here? Lo and



behold, it's really all Sam Favre can do to keep from laughing, because he's such a success as a magician. He recently performed at the 77th Station's Credit Union festivities at none other than the Condessa del Mar and was paid double his usual fee from this latest endeavor.

One of the North Park B's football team members was recently hospitalized (operator Robert Cook), and we are happy to let those who were not aware of it know that he is up and about and doing his best to adjust to his recent illness. Way to go, Bob!!...

We've known him since North Avenue Garage and never seen him without his grey scarf during the winter months. So after all these years, Diego Santos-Rios now sports a fashionable brown scarf which should just about make it until he retires. (smile)...

Just in case his many friends out in Skokie don't see him, operator Drago Pancic has retired as of May 1, 1987. Drago has a total of twenty-five years service with the CTA and is another veteran who began his career at the Keeler garage and then came to North Park. Retiree Pancic and his wife Herta recently moved from Chicago to Glenview, Illinois and, after things are a bit settled on the homefront, they plan to head for Europe as tourists visiting Austria, Germany and Yugoslavia for a few months...

On a sad note, we have to mention that retiree Willard Friebe, who formerly worked the Evanston run, passed away on May 14. Willard was the President of the North Park Credit Union for over ten years, and he is sure going to be missed from among the many friends he's made over the years...

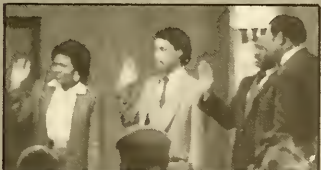
Rambo on crutches? Here at North Park? C'mon, you knew it was only Walter Merriitt hobbling about telling anyone who would listen that he's making it as best he can, but he would try and make it to the paymaster's window to pick up his check...



Another proud father is operator German Gutierrez and his wife Irma. Their eleven-year-old daughter Grisel was elected to be President of the Beta Club's honor roll at the Lloyd Grammar School. She already knows that she would like to be a doctor when she gets older. So, perhaps, this could be a hint for someone to start working a little overtime soon — don't you think Mr. Operator?...

Box puller John Weber appreciates the comments but save the whistles please. John is apparently the first here at North Park to work/model the new summer uniforms at the vault islands, and they do seem to look comfortable. When do the winter wardrobe models come out, sir?...

Blame it on pollution, or the inflation situation, but is it true that schedule man Ed "the grouch" returns from the latest fishing trek with some mini versions of finned families?...



Shown being sworn in at the April Union meeting ceremonies is operator Leonard Lloyd, center, making him an official election commissioner for the next three years. Any plans for higher elected office, Mr. President? oops, ... Look for a forthcoming paragraph and/or picture of the first gathering of the North Park Camera Club's meeting at Graceful Graceland Cemetery. BOO!

Mike Flores

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Lane Tech High School Graduates
Class of January 1955

For possible reunion

What year? We missed all the big ones.

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INSIDE NEWS

Retirements May

Robert E. Adler, West Section, 26 Yrs.
DeWayne W. Allen, 77th St., 39 Yrs.
Isaac J. Barho, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 27 Yrs.
Dominic L. Casalino, Mad./Wabash, 39 Yrs.
Raymond Cracco, West Shops, 13 Yrs.
Louis A. Domokos, Skokie Shop, 15 Yrs.
Eleanor M. Driscoll, Executive Office, 27 Yrs.
Eric Kahn, West Shops, 12 Yrs.
John R. Kilgore, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs.
Casimir J. Kotara, West Shops, 38 Yrs.
Frances Mularski, Revenue Acctg., 12 Yrs.
James A. Olsen, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 25 Yrs.
Drago A. Pancic, North Park, 25 Yrs.
James W. Patterson, South Section, 25 Yrs.
Booker T. Thomason Jr., 69th Street, 28 Yrs.
Theodore R. Williams, Mad./Wabash, 31 Yrs.

Disabilities

James Barlow, Kedzie, 7 Yrs.
Ada M. Torres, West Section, 14 Yrs.

June

Harold C. Berndt Sr., Washington/Racine, 40 Yrs.

Ralph M. Brindise, Forest Glen, 39 Yrs.
Euel Buntion, Madison/Wabash, 34 Yrs.
Owen J. Calhoun, 69th Street, 11 Yrs.
William R. Christiansen, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 12 Yrs.

Andrew J. Cunningham, West Shops, 33 Yrs.
James Cunningham, 95th Street, 30 Yrs.
Thomas Davis, Beverly, 30 Yrs.
William E. Echols, 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
David G. Eggersdorf, Transportation, 29 Yrs.
Frenchie G. Ellis, Administration/Safety, 36 Yrs.
Robert H. English, 77th Street, 29 Yrs.
Edward J. Evans, South Shops, 44 Yrs.
Jerry Gaba, West Shops, 12 Yrs.

Richard J. Grajek, South Shops, 35 Yrs.
Robert R. Hudson, 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
Alfred N. Jackson, Stores-South, 33 Yrs.
Edward J. Lawson, 69th Street, 27 Yrs.
George W. McCoy, 77th Street, 27 Yrs.
C. Errico Miller, District A, 30 Yrs.
James Mincey Jr., District A, 36 Yrs.
Leonard C. Moore, 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
Chester J. Olenski, North Park, 25 Yrs.
Edward M. Panik, Lawndale, 28 Yrs.
James L. Pruett Jr., 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
Mary H. Ritter, South Section, 27 Yrs.
Richard M. Schneider, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 43 Yrs.

James W. Sims, 77th Street, 36 Yrs.
Robert B. Tausch, West Shops, 39 Yrs.
Arthur Turner, Congress, 34 Yrs.

Disabilities

McClinton Corbin, Madison/Wabash, 17 Yrs.
Jesse D. Mayfield, Kedzie, 18 Yrs.
Willy C. Turner, Skokie Shop, 19 Yrs.



Car servicer **Gary E. Izzo**, Rosemont shop, and his bride, the former **Lisa Hartman**, spent their honeymoon in Phoenix and Las Vegas. The happy couple were married April 11 at St. Symphorosa church. Gary is the son of **Herman E. Izzo** who retired in 1983 as a general repairman at Rosemont shop after 36 years of CTA employment...Friends and family of 1979



retiree **Major W. Chatman** and his wife **Beatrice**, celebrated the couple's 50th wedding anniversary April 5 with a golden anniversary feast, good music and dancing at the Hilton Inn of Oak Lawn. A printed program statement noted, "There is no way we can fully express our love and respect for their lifetime of dedication to God and to their family, but we hope they will accept this gathering of family and friends as an indication of our appreciation." The Chatmans' family includes son **Robert**; daughter, **Mrs. Carolyn L. Browne** of CTA Administrative Services; a granddaughter, two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. Chatman, a bus operator for 31 years, was assigned at 69th Street garage... Celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary recently was **George** and **Louise Johnson**. The 92-year old Mr. Johnson, a CTA retiree for 28 years, recently visited the CTA general office.

He still likes to drive, and frequently takes trips to visit his brother in Southern Illinois. He praises God for the love of a wonderful family which includes three children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. His life is centered around the Reformed Church where he is listed as "Someone



to Know."...**George Hollendonner, Jr.**, the 13-year-old, 155 pounder son of CTA mechanic **George, Sr.** of the South Shops Brake department, took first place in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation tournament in Southern Illinois. A wrestler for five years, the youth has had two state appearances, and has earned the State title as well as an undefeated record. He is the holder of the Outstanding Wrestling award, and was eligible for competition in the June Illinois Kids Wrestling Nationals in Minnesota. He is the grandson of **Carl** and **Jean Gustafson**. Mrs. Gustafson retired from the CTA Print Shop... Congratulations are also in order to new college graduate **Eric G. Yabush** who recently received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and speech from the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse. Eric was co-captain of the university's hockey team and was voted the baseball team's most valuable player. He is the son of CTA Public Affairs media coordinator **Don Yabush**, and his wife, **Caroline**.



Repairer **Gregory Smith**, North Park Garage, and his wife, **Shannon** are the proud parents of new born son **Gregory, Jr.**, born Dec. 12. Equally proud are grandparents **Bernice Smith**, executive secretary, **Equipment Engineering and Maintenance**, and **Aaron Swoope**, **Equipment Engineering and Maintenance**, retired.

Service anniversaries in May

40 Years

Joseph Lacy, Track & Roadway
Allen Pfeiffer, Group Sales

35 Years

Samuel Charles, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Edward Freeman, Rail Janitors

30 Years

Leo Armstrong, Central District
James Cunningham, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Thomas Davis, Beverly
William Echols, 77th Street
Arthur Green, Jr., 69th Street
James Harris, Beverly
Eugene Hill, Utility
Willie Johnson, North Avenue
Nathan Lanier, Kedzie
Theodore Mack, Bus Instruction
Clifford Miller, Bus District A
Daniel Montrel, Operations Review
James Moore, North Avenue
Albert Murdock, Track & Roadway
James Pruett, Jr., 77th Street
Hercules Smith, Archer
Leon Washington, 77th Street
Raymond Wiley, 77th Street

25 Years

Theodore Baughn, 69th Street
Clark Carter, Bus Personnel North
John Guzaitis, Escalator Maint.
Carl Hanson, Bus District D
Colonial Heard, Jr., Rail Janitors
John Hennessy, Brake Shop
William Meany, Shop Service
Lucretia Russell, Agents District

40 Years

Frank Wisniewski, Bus Radio Maint.

35 Years

Bernadette Kizior, Facil. Eng. & Maint.
Mario Zocchi, Paint Shop

30 Years

Lawyer Durr, Utility
Charles Hall, Trng. & Dvlp.
Harold Hirsch, Operations Planning
Anthony Kemp, Forest Glen
Alvin Norris, 77th Street
Karlis Robenzieski, Central District
Randolph Stewart, 77th Street
John Wallace, Control Center
Herbert Williams, Beverly

25 Years

Aubrey Bolling, Ashland, 61st, 95th
James Coleman, Beverly
Emery Gipson, Jr., Bus District A
Ervin Harris, Trng. & Dvlp.
John Jovanovich, Jefferson Park
Mack Page, Inspec., Degrease & Teardown
Thomas Porter, Conv. & Diff.
James Richardson, Jr., 69th Street
Narciso Ruiz, Jr., 77th Street
Dale Potter, West Shops (Nov. '86)

June



The **Breakfast Bunch**, a southside group of CTA retirees organized by retired CTA file clerk **Simmons Gibson** (above), has joined forces with the **Anniversary Club**, another retiree group which was founded by CTA retiree **Marion Brittain** who now resides in Atlanta, GA. The two groups meet at 10 a.m. each first Wednesday at *Queen of the Sea* restaurant, 87th and Stony Island Av., where information of particular interest to retirees is made available through representatives of other agencies, including transit union officials. Gibson said the spokesman for the CTA retiree organization is former 77th Street bus operator and Credit Union officer **Clifton Servant**. He urged retirees to make a note in their calendar of events for each first Wednesday, "and come join us."...

Skokie Shops

Congratulations to machinist **Grant [Barney] Noland, Jr.**, and his wife, Eileen, on the birth of their daughter, Colleen Anne, on April 10. Born at Christ Hospital, she tipped the scales at 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Also receiving a visit from the stork was electrical preparer **Terry Sabatini** and his wife, Nancy, proud parents of 7 pound, 12 ounce Kelly Kerwin, their first child. Kelly was born at Little Company of Mary Hospital on April 18.

On a sad note, all of us at Skokie Shops extend our deepest sympathy to the family of shopman **Jimmy Cunningham** of the Machine Shop. Jimmy passed away on May 4. His smile and wonderful sense of humor will be missed by us all.

A speedy recovery to my good friend, car pool partner and co-reporter **Steve Wickert**. Steve is recovering at home after surgery. Hope to see you back soon, Steve.

INSIDE NEWS

Well, the warm weather has arrived. We'll be tending our gardens, hitting the golf links and the highways. Please exercise caution in whatever you do. Enjoy yourselves, and have a safe summer.

Stan Warchol



Vincent Dentamoro, 75, car serviceman at Kimball terminal, who retired in June 1973 after nearly 17 years of CTA service, died March 14 at his home in Carbonara Bari, Italy. He is survived by his wife, Antonia.

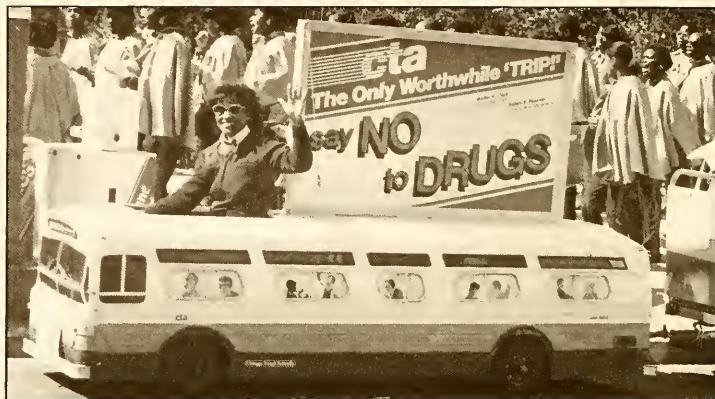
IN MEMORIAM

Joseph Anthony, 69, Beverly, Emp. 6-16-60, Died 3-8-87
Edward J. Becker, 79, Engineering, Emp. 7-16-41, Died 3-21-87
Dorothy J. Bell, 66, Equip. Eng. & Maint. Emp. 10-26-53, Died 3-14-87
Max Boltze, 82, Skokie, Emp. 8-2-27, Died 4-29-87
Samuel J. Boyd, 72, Beverly, Emp. 7-23-52, Died 3-5-87
Michael P. Cronin, 82, North Section, Emp. 8-29-29, Died 4-7-87
Theodore R. Dagan, 87, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-25-25, Died 3-15-87
John J. Davis, 85, Claims, Emp. 3-12-29, Died 4-15-87
Vincent Dentamoro, 75, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-19-56, Died 3-14-87
Anthony DiBenedetto, 68, Utility, Emp. 8-13-45, Died 3-2-87
Cornelius J. Dillon, 74, Utility, Emp. 8-21-40, Died 4-14-87
Raymond H. Dobberty, 59, Lawndale, Emp. 9-10-47, Died 3-13-87
Patrick Donoghue, 90, 77th Street, Emp. 4-23-24, Died 3-21-87
Joseph Durczak, 79, Engineering, Emp. 5-16-40, Died 3-24-87
Joseph Dwyer, 91, North Section, Emp. 1-23-29, Died 4-27-87
George W. Elliott, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-8-45, Died 4-7-87
Earl V. Essington, 88, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-24-27, Died 3-25-87
Robert Gottlieb, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-26-37, Died 4-1-87
Joseph L. Griffin, 80, Beverly, Emp. 2-27-45, Died 4-4-87

Russell Grod, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 7-9-48, Died 4-4-87
Joseph J. Hemzacek, 82, Transportation, Emp. 11-7-33, Died 4-17-87
James Hester, 90, North Avenue, Emp. 2-27-28, Died 3-5-87
Rose Higgins, 96, North Section, Emp. 5-12-45, Died 3-28-87
Wilfred E. Jannusch, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-25-37, Died 4-2-87
Robert N. Jewett, 78, 52nd Street, Emp. 2-20-43, Died 4-18-87
Harry L. Johnson, 73, 52nd Street, Emp. 6-24-46, Died 4-14-87
C. C. Jones, 55, Archer, Emp. 9-4-57, Died 3-12-87
Jeremiah Kane, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 3-26-26, Died 3-30-87
Victor Kariolich, 82, Engineering, Emp. 4-4-28, Died 4-12-87
Emil E. Klipp, 85, Desplaines, Emp. 1-30-34, Died 4-5-87
Mato Kuchan, 98, Way & Structures, Emp. 7-7-27, Died 3-6-87
Guy Lepore, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-3-29, Died 4-27-87
Charles F. McDermott, 77, Forest Park, Emp. 4-6-29, Died 4-3-87
John McGrail, 90, Kedzie, Emp. 10-9-17, Died 3-16-87
William J. O'Brien, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 1-27-43, Died 4-25-87
Elmer J. Pipcorn, 87, South Section, Emp. 9-29-42, Died 3-2-87
Edward L. Rivers, 67, Archer, Emp. 1-28-57, Died 4-2-87
Mabel L. Ryan, 89, Lake, Emp. 5-1-47, Died 4-25-87

Louise A. Sandstrom, 79, Engineering, Emp. 2-12-68, Died 3-2-87
Martin H. Sexton, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 5-17-48, Died 3-8-87
Jacob Silha, 98, Lawndale, Emp. 7-14-20, Died 3-7-87
Albert Silins, 63, North Section, Emp. 2-15-51, Died 3-20-87
Joseph P. Smith, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-29-44, Died 3-14-87
Michael A. Sode, 76, Claims, Emp. 2-17-42, Died 3-6-87
Joseph L. Sojka, 71, Madison/Wabash, Emp. 9-28-40, Died 3-7-87
Frank J. Steiner, 80, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-29-45, Died 4-8-87
Adam E. Stresen, 84, West Section, Emp. 6-24-47, Died 4-6-87
Reuben C. Thomas, 52, Kedzie, Emp. 5-14-62, Died 2-28-87
Harry S. Tishler, 85, West Section, Emp. 6-13-27, Died 3-27-87
Charles H. Trauscht, 79, Beverly, Emp. 3-26-34, Died 3-30-87
Stanley J. Turek, 73, Limits, Emp. 11-19-41, Died 3-12-87
Joseph C. Vogel, 80, Special Invest., Emp. 11-19-41, Died 3-12-87
Joseph W. Walinchius, 85, South Section, Emp. 7-1-42, Died 1-22-87
Thomas Yapelli, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 9-20-44, Died 4-5-87
Ralph A. Zaccariello, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 6-5-50, Died 3-24-87
Edwin R. Zimmerman, 96, West Section, Emp. 9-27-26, Died 4-7-87

CTA joins "say no to drugs"



CTA supported the national public awareness campaign on drug abuse by participating in the May 9, first-of-its-kind, "Say No! to Drugs" parade.

The hour-and-a-half-long parade, televised by ABC-TV Channel 7, stepped off at 10:30 a.m. with 184 entries and picture-perfect weather. Entries included the three CTA mini-buses—articulated, standard, and double-decker—decorated with signs which read, "CTA, The Only Worthwhile Trip"—Say No! to Drugs."

The three mini-buses, circa 1967, were built by a special Explorer Scout Post sponsored by volunteers at South Shops, and trained in carpentry, welding, electrical work, and similar trade skills.

Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director,

read a public service announcement on behalf of employees, urging Chicagoans to say no to drugs and seek assistance groups.

"The Say No! to Drugs Campaign appears to be an effective tool in combatting individuals from exploring the use of drugs. I wholeheartedly support any efforts of this kind," said **Michael Stroden**, director, Employee Assistance Program.

C. W. Baxa, CTA Public Affairs manager, said of CTA's role in the parade, "The cooperation of so many CTA employees really made our participation a true success—from the Utility Department to our Sign Shop and so many in between. We needed everyone's participation and we thank them for it."

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CTA Superior Public Service honorees met with **Ben Garrett** [second from left], deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services, following the awards pro-

gram at the Navy Pier grand ballroom. Displaying their certificates of recognition are [from left] **Norbert Koscienski**, **Michael J. Stroden**, and **Julius E. Brazil**.



Meeting the challenge of tomorrow

Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

Fellow Employees:

In the few months I have been at CTA, I have witnessed a high quality of transit service - made possible because of your continuing diligence in the pursuit of our common goal: excellence!

Past accomplishments and a variety of future programs reflect CTA's ongoing commitment to providing the best possible service for its ridership. Numerous operating efficiencies and budget reductions have resulted in positive budget balances for the last four years. This enabled us to increase rail car repairs, purchase bus washers and utility vehicles and modernize our coin-counting equipment.

Following are some of our accomplishments, ongoing programs and goals which we hope to meet in the future:

Convenient, on-time service

- establishment of an interdepartmental Service Quality Policy Committee to work toward improving convenience of service
- *QuickPass* demonstration project aimed at expediting passenger flow at rail stations
- renovation of rail station facilities including new bus shelters, windbreaks, lighting and heating at rail stations and replacement of up to 950 buses and 280 rail cars by 1991
- a new rail line to Midway Airport; scheduled for completion in 1993, the line is expected to serve 119,000 riders daily
- ongoing implementation of higher maintenance standards via Operation *BUS* [Better Ultimate Service], a pilot program designed to improve the reliability and appearance of our bus fleet

Passenger safety and security

- the CTA Bus Security Program, providing a special Chicago police security unit to patrol selected bus routes; a Mass Transit Unit consisting of Chicago police officers who patrol the rail system
- CTA's ongoing safety and training efforts which resulted in 1986 being the safest year in history on the bus and rail systems
- implementation in 1987 of a videotape security training program for conductors and motormen; the program, with the ongoing ticket agent and bus operator security training programs, will provide instruction in on-the-job security measures for approximately 6,000 operating and station employees

- twice-a-year presentation of the CTA Technical Institute [CTATI] for transit related operating and governmental agencies, giving a comprehensive overview of the functioning of a major mass transit system [CTA]

Fares

- fare structure studies to determine more equitable and efficient fares and provide a coherent framework for future fare pricing decisions
- installation of electronic fareboxes on buses to offer passenger payment convenience and increase the efficiency of collecting and processing fares and ridership data

Routes and Schedules

- ongoing refinement of bus route schedules based on ridership demands
- institution of a demand-responsive Special Services Program for disabled riders; the program, utilizing four private carriers, has resulted in a four-fold increase in ridership since 1985
- special studies undertaken to identify West Side rail line track and structures in need of improvements and to determine types and quantities of buses to be purchased

Marketing

- an ongoing coordinated effort utilizing surveys to identify ridership needs and an aggressive marketing campaign to address those needs and increase ridership
- installation of special TV monitors at 17 of CTA's busiest stations; monitors will feature news, weather, CTA travel information and advertising
- recent introduction of two new route maps, one for the entire system and the other for the O'Hare rail line
- implementation of the new uniform program for CTA bus and rail personnel; the stylish new uniforms, which represent a positive new image at CTA, were nominated for the 1987 *Image of the Year Awards*

Communication with the public

- ongoing maintenance of dialogue with community advisory boards, committees and neighborhood forums, assuring timely exchange of concerns between CTA and the public

Professionalism and integrity

- ongoing provision of sensitivity training for special services drivers and CTA bus operators
- annual hosting of the Striving for Excellence Testimonial in honor and recognition of employees with exemplary work performance

Hiring and contracting

- pursuit of an aggressive Affirmative Action program in recruiting, hiring, training and promotion of minorities and women
- provision of training, through a special demonstration grant, for representatives from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises [DBE's] and Women Business Enterprises [WBE's]

Working environment

- ongoing construction and rehabilitation projects to improve employee safety and security; this year, the new 103rd/Stony Garage will be completed, North Avenue Garage construction will begin, and repairs will be made to Skokie Shops
- ongoing Zero Accident Program in recognition of low, or zero, frequency of work related accidents at maintenance facilities
- ongoing Employee Safety Performance Program, a *quality circle* concept permitting interaction between operating, maintenance and management personnel in the interest of promoting safety, security and efficiency in CTA operations

As Executive Director of CTA, I take great pride both in our numerous accomplishments and in the many CTA employees who have made them possible. Your unwavering dedication to CTA's mission - providing high quality transit service that meets the needs of metropolitan Chicago - places you in the forefront among public service employees. Your single-mindedness of purpose serves us well in our endeavor to make CTA the model of the modern mass transit system.

I welcome your suggestions on how we may further enhance our role as a provider of mass transit. Ms. Cynthia Florence, Superintendent II, Operations Division, and Mr. Leon Fields, Maintenance Foreman, Engineering and Maintenance Division, as my communications liaisons, are visiting various work locations to elicit your ideas on how to better serve our ridership and make CTA the best it can be.

In moving toward the future, we must continue to strive for the highest quality of service. Armed with the confidence that comes from pride in past achievements and inspired by a sense of united effort, let us meet the challenge of tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Paaswell,
Executive Director

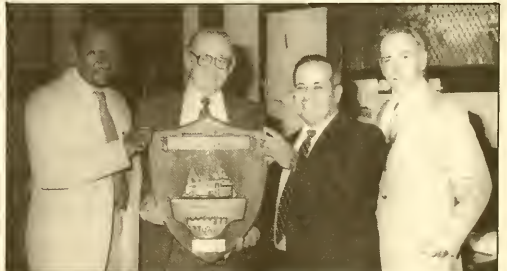
Safety First at CTA



Executive Director Robert E. Paaswell presents a Certificate of Achievement for the CTA's improved bus operator's safety record to Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director Harry Reddick of the Operations Division. The APTA certificate honors CTA for its reduction of vehicle and passenger accidents in 1986.



Public Safety awards for the first quarter of 1987-88 were presented by safety manager Thomas Boyle [holding plaque] to superintendents of Archer garage and Douglas rail terminal. Plaques were presented on the basis of the lowest frequency of traffic and passenger accidents involving other vehicles, fixed objects and CTA riders. Archer earned its safety plaque with 38 accident-free days for the first quarter, while Douglas had 89 accident-free days. Representing Archer garage are [above]: Isaac Clark, assistant superintendent; Ronald Catanzaro, garage superintendent, and Thomas Riley, area superintendent. South Douglas terminal representatives were Superintendent David Curry, and Roosevelt Cory, assistant superintendent.



Gloria Chevere appointed as senior deputy, Administration

Gloria Chevere has been appointed senior deputy executive director of Administration by **Dr. Robert E. Paaswell**, CTA executive director. "Ms. Chevere, former deputy commissioner of the City Department of Planning, has a proven, professional track record in management," Paaswell said. "Her knowledge of the disciplines it entails makes her a splendid choice and a key player, as CTA reorganizes to face crucial issues moving into the next century."

CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark** added, "She will be an excellent addition to our capable staff."

As senior deputy executive director of Administration, Chevere heads the Finance and Planning/Marketing/Development divisions, and the Purchasing and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise [DBE]/Contract Compliance departments.

Ms. Chevere, a lawyer, is a native Chicagoan with credentials in banking, strategic planning, and budget controls. She is a graduate of John Marshall Law school and Northeastern Illinois university, with a double major degree in Political Science and Sociology. As deputy commissioner of



the Department of Planning, she oversaw the Neighborhood Planning Division and was an active participant in that department's corporate and federal budgets, coordinator of UDAG [Urban Development Action Grant] and IDAG [Illinois Development Action Grant], as well as all tax increment financing projects for the city's central area.

Prior to her city post, Ms. Chevere was president of the Knights of St. John Credit Union, and, under her tutelage, the union's assets more than tripled in three years.

Dr. Paaswell affirmed "that Ms. Chevere's extensive background in marketing makes her an outstanding asset, and the logical selection for this administrative position, which requires a leader with Ms. Chevere's top-notch skills. CTA is fortunate that the search for this position has ended with Ms. Chevere's placement."

Welcoming receptions honoring Ms. Chevere were held by the Hispanic American Transportation Association on June 17 at Tanya's restaurant on the near north side, and by the National Hispanic Transportation Organization on July 24 at Button's restaurant in the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.

Ms. Chevere has served as a Board member of the Knights of St. John Credit Union, the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of Chicago, and the Women's Self Employment Project.

Ms. Chevere resides in Lakeview with her husband and twin sons.

Bar Association honors CTA General Attorney Hughes

CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** received the Cook County Bar Association's Public Service Award for her "exemplary performance in public service," at the association's 73rd annual awards meeting.

The award, in the form of a plaque, was presented to Ms. Hughes by Lewis Nixon, dinner chairman, and John O. Steele, outgoing president of the 850-member association.

Ms. Hughes was among a group of political and legal professionals to receive awards at the Chicago Hilton and Towers hotel. About 300 persons attended the Awards and Installation Dinner Meeting. Attorney Llwellyn Greene-Thapedi was installed as the association's new president.

The Cook County Bar Association, founded in 1914, is one of the nation's oldest and largest minority bar associations.



CTA General Attorney Joyce Hughes [right] and newly-elected association president Llwellyn Greene-Thapedi share the limelight at the Cook County Bar Association's 73rd annual awards meeting.

Honor three CTA employees for superior public service

Three distinguished CTA employees were honored as finalists at the 19th annual Superior Public Service awards dinner held at the Navy Pier grand ballroom on June 25.

Receiving recognition for their years of outstanding service to the Chicago Transit Authority were **Michael Stroden**, director, Employee Assistance Program; **Norbert Koscienski**, Systems Safety/Fire Prevention investigator, and **Julius E. Brazil**, general services photographer.

Michael Stroden, director of CTA's Employee Assistance Program, is responsible for the day-to-day activities of EAP. Problems of alcoholism, drug abuse, or a variety of other social illnesses which may affect an employee are addressed through the program.

Stroden designed, developed, and implemented the program, and established training for more than 1,000 supervisory personnel.

Stroden, who joined CTA in 1976, said the major function of Employee Counseling is to help employees find solutions to problems which could jeopardize their jobs.

Norbert Koscienski, who joined CTA in 1962, distinguished himself after having a laryngectomy [surgical removal of the voice box] in 1985. The Safety Systems Fire Prevention investigator and his wife, Carol, have done extensive volunteer work for the American Cancer Society. The couple makes pre and post-surgical visits to laryngectomy patients and their families to offer information, support and hope.

Koscienski, who lives in the Jefferson Park area, was recently awarded a certificate for "superior performance and excellence" in esophageal speech from the therapy department of Swedish Covenant hospital.

Thomas Boyle, manager, Systems Safety/Quality Control, praised Koscienski as an outstanding employee who has overcome great odds. "He

has been, and continues to be, an inspiration for his co-workers," Boyle said.

Julius E. Brazil, an Air Force veteran, joined CTA in 1954 as a bus operator assigned to Devon Avenue. He later served as a station clerk, and has been a CTA photographer since 1977. As a photographer, Brazil has distinguished himself by his proficiency as well as his integrity and devotion to the principles of public service.

Michael Hoffert, supervisor, Photographic Services, commented, "Over the years, Julius has demonstrated the willingness to go that extra step to get a job accomplished, many times on his own time."

Brazil, who believes that "every day has a highlight if you know what to look for," is a community-spirited individual, and is active as a member of the Tabernacle Baptist church where his pastor, the Rev. George B. Hunter, says he is a part of the church youth programs.

CTA painters bow for the red, white and green

Some painters win praise for their landscapes, others for their still lifes and portraits. Six CTA painters recently took bows for their "station," CTA's Argyle 'L' station, that is.

The painters were honored at a luncheon held by the Asian American

Small Business Association of Chicago located on Argyle street, just east of Broadway. The Argyle 'L' station is flanked by this business community.

Honored at the luncheon were CTA painters **Pat Forde**, **Earl Knudsen**, **Ron Santello**, **Jack Flynn**, **Ed**

Burke, and **Noo Shig Salvador**.

The Argyle 'L' station was painted a number of years ago in the Oriental colors of red, white, and green, signifying longevity and prosperity. Forde, Knudsen, and Santello gave the station a scheduled coat of fresh paint as part of CTA's periodic painting program for its elevated stations. Painters Flynn, Burke, and Salvador are graffiti removers who help wage CTA's relentless fight to keep its property graffiti-free.

"We are proud and pleased with this added touch of class," said Charlie Soo, association director, at the luncheon. "We are taking this opportunity to express our appreciation with a gathering of our business and community leaders to help mark this occasion [the station's repainting]."

The North Side cluster of Asian businesses and restaurants on Argyle at Broadway is an off-shoot of Chicago's Chinatown at 22nd street and Wentworth avenue on the South Side.



CTA painters honored recently were [from left] Pat Forde, Earl Knudsen, Ron Santello, Jack Flynn, Ed Burke, and Noo Shig Salvador. With them on the Argyle 'L' station platform is Charlie Soo, director of the Asian American Small Business Association of Chicago.

Corner

Marian Hanning [West Section] is appreciated by Willa Davis, of Oak Park, for her courtesy as ticket agent at Harlem/Congress. "For many years I have been riding the train. Many times I go through the turnstile, feeling sick or just tired. Mary always smiles and says 'Hello,' and gives a kind word for people who pass through to ride the train. Many times she has helped make my day a very pleasant one. This lady is always well groomed, and is a joy to see so early in the morning. We in Oak Park thank CTA for employees like Mary, who not only collects fares but gives something in return."



Anthony Rivera [North Park garage] "went beyond the call of duty" as operator of a No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus ridden by Jane Magee, of Gordon Terrace. "The back door was not working properly, and would not lock. He warned all passengers not to get near the door because it would fly open, and called someone on the bus phone to report it. He said 'Good evening' to everyone entering the bus, and wished each person a pleasant evening at departing. He also had a wonderful sense of humor, giving at least four pronunciations of Goethe Street. His manners, humor and concern for passenger safety are commendable."

Mary Thrower [North Section] was thanked by Judy Von Boncel, of New Hudson, Michigan, for her help as conductor of an O'Hare train. "My boyfriend and I expected to get lost as we entered the train at River Road. Your employee put us at ease with her attitude and concern. She explained exactly where to get off, and in which direction to walk. Other riders asked similar questions and were given the same care we experienced. Her bright outlook and personality made our journey a pleasure. After the train began to fill up, she called off the station stops, including the destinations passengers had requested. She is a good ambassador for your city."

Arthur Muhammad [77th Street garage] was complimented for the way he handled a No. 6 Jeffery Express bus by Antonette Hue-Laitsch, who works on East Wacker Drive. "I found him to be very friendly and extremely helpful to all of his passengers. Not only did he call out every stop, but he showed genuine concern that the passengers were able to get off at the stops they wanted. When asked for information or directions, he spoke clearly, courteously, and loud enough for one to hear. He was very patient with both the customers and the traffic, and his mood set the tone for the trip."

Jose Diaz [Limits garage] was the operator of a No. 146 Marine/Michigan Express bus ridden by Horace Sutmar, of Touhy Avenue. "I am a frequent rider of CTA, and rarely do I see a driver as thorough as badge No. 22865. He called out the stops, waited for the people who were running for the bus, and caught someone trying to board through the back door. An older woman got on the bus without her senior card. When the driver asked her for it, she got upset. I think it's unfair to the driver to receive such treatment when he is doing his job. I would like to thank CTA for having such patience with us passengers."

Darlene Emery and **Everett Mann** [North Section] were thanked by Ruth Dieter, of Burling Street, for their action after she was robbed while getting on a Howard train at Fullerton. "I went downstairs into the station and told the CTA man standing there [Mann] what happened. In the booth, Darlene called for all trains to be held and to notify police. An off-duty policeman who was in line identified himself, and he and Everett took off for the platform. They caught the man after a struggle, and I identified him. Then the police arrived and took over. I appreciate very much the alertness of the two CTA employees."

William Roman [Limits garage] was praised by Kathy Armstrong, of Northfield, for remaining calm with an impatient rider on his No. 156 LaSalle bus. "A large number of riders were on the bus, and a woman boarded, asking the driver for directions. While he was talking to her, a passenger went up and asked him if there was any particular reason he was driving so slowly. He answered in a pleasant way that he had a schedule to keep. She became rude, and told him to do his job instead of talking to passengers. He did an excellent job and kept his cool, continuing to call out all the streets. He should be commended for his patience."

Cleo Jackson [North Section] won the approval of Anthony Meyer, of Washington D.C., who rode a train downtown while staying at an O'Hare hotel for a conference. "I had a free afternoon, and decided to visit downtown Chicago. The trip was even faster than advertised. The conductor gave me a map of the CTA routes, showed me how to get to different stores and museums, and even told me in which direction to exit from the station. Her information was completely accurate, enabling me to get to each place easily and without asking further directions. Thanks for making my visit to Chicago such an enjoyable one."

Craig Daun, Director of Marketing, Hotel Nikko Chicago [left], is shown with CTA Executive Director Robert E. Paaswell at a pre-party before a Cubs outing sponsored by the hotel. The hotel chartered a CTA bus to transport guests to Wrigley Field. The Hotel Nikko will open in October, 1987.



Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Maria Agnew, North Park
Gabe Barnes Jr., North Section
Bill Brown, Limits
Robert Brownlow, North Park
James Burns, 77th Street
Donald Burson, Kedzie

Jean Cage, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Angel Carreras, Forest Glen
Lovie Chamblis, West Section
Robert Charles, Archer
Stephen Christian Sr., Forest Glen
Dewitt Coleman, Archer
Jean Collins, Archer
Felix Cooper, North Park
Michael Cox, Kedzie
Elнора Curry, Limits

Victor Davila, North Park
Vincent Dawson, Limits
Nathaniel Dickson, Limits
Joseph DiMartino, Forest Glen
Brian Dollar, North Park
Frederick Douglas, North Park
Lawrence Duda, Limits
Charles Dunker, North Park

Exeline Elliott, North Park
Bruce Ellison, North Park
Jesse Elston Jr., 69th Street

Willie Flowers, North Park

Ridgeway Gaines, 77th Street
Daniel Galarza, North Park
Jose Galloza, Forest Glen
Fred Gandy, 69th Street
Joe Gill, Archer
Phillip Gill, Archer
Barbara Glenn, 77th Street

William Haase, West Rail Dist.
Ronald Hackworth Jr., Archer
Sarah Hall, Limits
Walter Harris, Archer
Josephine Harris, North Avenue
Ernest Hemphill, Archer
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Roberta Hobbs, West Section
Shirley Hobbs Jr., North Park
Robert Hopkins Sr., Forest Glen
Anthony Hughes, Kedzie

Cleo Jackson, Jefferson Park
Earle Jackson, Howard/Kimball
James Jeffries, Esc. Maint.
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Curtis Jones, 77th Street
Kenneth Jones, Ashland Terminal
Lester Jones, North Park
William Jones, 69th Street
Daniel Joseph, North Park

William Karcher, Forest Glen
Frank Ketter, Beverly
Denis Kippes, Limits
Richard Kobylecky, Archer

Charlie Lee, Agents District
John Lemond, North Park
Sebastian Lopez, Distribution
Robert Lucas, North Park

Falamarz Malekfar, Forest Glen
Charles Martin, Archer
Joseph Maryland, Kedzie
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
Michael McKenzie, Beverly
John Milio, Forest Glen
Neil Motin, Forest Glen
Bobby Myles, North Park

Sylvester Neal Jr., Limits
Brookie Nichols, Beverly
Antonio Nunez, North Park

Araceli Olivier, North Park

Lonnie Perryman Jr., Archer
Ricky Plomin, Forest Glen
Daniel Poelinitz, Forest Glen
Carlton Pradd, Limits
Isaac Price, North Avenue

Robert Richardson, North Park
Milton Ross, 69th Street

Ismael Santos Jr., North Park
Tuesday Simpson, Limits
Leevon Skinner, 69th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Willie Smith, 77th Street
Willie Smith, North Avenue
Helen Stearns, 77th Street
Daniel Stronach, Limits
Eugene Strzelecki, Jefferson Park
Marion Stubbs, North Park
Willie Mae Surles, 77th Street

Brian Thomas, Archer
Curtis Thompson Jr., 77th Street

Arturo Valdez, North Park
Clarence Van Middlesworth, North Park
Willus Vivian Jr., Archer

Leslie Walgamotte Jr., Forest Glen
William Washington, North Avenue
Early Watson Jr., Archer
Vontie White, Forest Glen
Richard Wierzchon, North Park
Elton Williams, Howard/Kimball
Nathaniel Williams, 77th Street
William Williams, North Park
Robert Woods, 77th Street

Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen



SEPTA 6079-6080 at Norristown station.



"Liberty Liner" train set, formerly North Shore Line "Electroliner," parked at SEPTA shops.

They're riding the CTA along SEPTA lines

by Lee Winson

Last October the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority [SEPTA] supplemented its rolling stock with transit equipment previously owned by CTA.

SEPTA's inventory of rapid transit cars now includes 12 of CTA's 6000-series cars, originally scheduled for retirement but sold to SEPTA for use in its rush hour service along Philadelphia's west suburban Norristown High Speed Line.

The Norristown Line, also known as the Philadelphia and Western [P&W], is a suburban high speed line similar to CTA's Evanston Line. The line primarily serves as a feeder to the Market-Frankford subway elevated, the connection to downtown Philadelphia.

The six married pairs of CTA cars sold to SEPTA join two older types of cars, an interurban series built in the late 1920s, and the well-known Brill "Bullets" built in 1931. While SEPTA plans call for the purchase of new cars, the recently-purchased CTA cars will supplement its older cars until a fleet is delivered.

The CTA fleet's arrival in Philadelphia is not the first of Chicago equipment to run on the P&W. In 1964, the North Shore Line's Electroliners also arrived to operate along the Norristown Line. Renamed "Liberty Liners," the trains offered coffee and pastries on morning runs, and libatious refreshments in the evening, and were quite popular with the commuters. However, the Liberty Liners were withdrawn from service in the late 1970s, after they proved to be too expensive to maintain and operate. Sets from the Liberty Liners have been preserved at various museums including the Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois.

Photos by

Gerry Williams and Lee R. Winson

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P&W Brill "Bullet" inbound at County line station.



SEPTA 6151-6152 [right] and Brill "Bullet" at 69th Street terminal, Upper Darby.

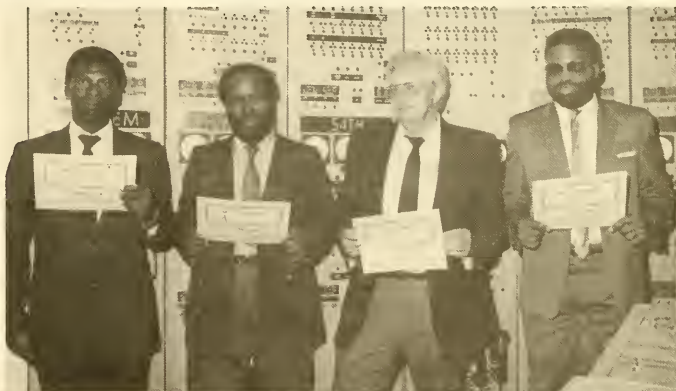
"Day in CTA" Employees honored for initiative, exceptional service

Four Operations employees were honored recently for exceptional service above and beyond their responsibilities in the performance of duties.

An off-duty, part-time temporary operator assigned to North Park garage is credited with the prompt action which foiled an attempted suicide by a teenager who threw himself onto the Ravenswood tracks at Irving Park.

Operator **Anthony Caldwell** heard the youth exclaim that he was going to kill himself, before jumping onto the tracks as a train was approaching. Caldwell ran to the end of the platform and flagged the train in time for the motorman to avoid hitting the youth by only a few feet.

Although the teenager crawled beneath the train, the power was cut, and he was removed from the tracks by policemen. Caldwell was also credited with possibly avoiding a lengthy delay to service.



Honored for exceptional service above and beyond their responsibilities in the performance of their duties are [from left]: operator Anthony Caldwell, motorman Lawrence Hooker, and conductors Walter Holmes and Samuel Smylie.

Another attempted suicide was stymied by motorman **Lawrence Hooker**, and conductor **Samuel Smylie** of Ashland terminal, who were working the North/South route. As their train was approaching the southbound Argyle station, the crew saw a man on the tracks and stopped approximately two feet from him. Again, the Control Center was notified and the power was shut off.

As Hooker and Smylie assisted the man from the track, he attempted to throw himself onto the third rail, but was hustled to the platform and restrained until police arrived.

Conductor **Walter Holmes** of Kimball terminal minimized delays on at least two rapid transit routes when he took over the plant at Tower 12 and operated it manually until a supervisor arrived.

Holmes, a qualified towerman, was working on the Ravenswood route when he arrived at the junction at approximately 6:50 a.m. and realized that the line was experiencing interlocking problems at Tower 12. The conductor was praised for showing initiative and demonstrating job knowledge as well as minimizing delays to service.

Koscienski: Smoking is larynx threat



Since January 4, 1986 more than 60 Chicagoans have had laryngectomies, according to **Norbert Koscienski** of the CTA Safety department. Koscienski was recently honored for his volunteer service with the American Cancer Society.

He and his wife, Carol, are active with the Swedish Covenant hospital New Voice Club, an organization which provides the laryngectomee and family members with support, service and information concerning other groups and services available.

Koscienski, 42, himself a laryngectomee [a person whose voice box has been surgically removed], said people who must have the radical surgery appear to be getting younger. He noted that recent victims he has visited were in the middle to late-30s.

He said cancer of the larynx is due primarily to smoking, and attributed some cases to the consumption of alcohol. Koscienski, who has visited at least 20 of the most recent known Chicagoans having the surgery, asked, "How do you get people to stop smoking?" Answering his own question, he said, "I guess you really don't, because most people think that it will not happen to them, but always to the other guy. I know I did."

Koscienski said he plans to take advantage of the opportunity to tell as many as will listen about the dangers of smoking, and to promote the New Voice Club, the most active support group for laryngectomees in the Chicago area.

Smoking/ Non-smoking opinion poll

An employee opinion poll concerning smoking issues appeared in the March-April issue of "Transit News." Responses were received from 420 CTA employees, and the survey results are shown on the facing page.

Any CTA employees who did not send in a survey and would like to receive one, should request a survey from Carmen Gonzalez by phone, ext. 3313, Mart, or by mail to Room 734, Mart.

A FUMING ISSUE

by Beth Doherty

Maxicare Health Plans

Many of us can probably remember when not too long ago cigarette smoking was widely viewed as a socially acceptable thing to do. Advertisements promoted smoking as glamorous, sexy and sometimes even healthy!

Reaching a peak in the early 1960's, cigarette smoking in the U.S. has been steadily declining since the release of the Surgeon General's report in 1964. It is estimated that over 37 million Americans have "kicked the habit," and have joined the ranks to establish a "smoke-free society" by the year 2000.

Until then, we might want to make a note of the following suggestions to keep the fire friendly in the battle against smoking.

SMOKERS

*Before lighting up, make sure you're in a designated smoking area.

*When in someone else's home, office, or car, ask **first** if it's okay if you smoke. It might not be.

*Be aware of poorly-ventilated areas. If you're in one, it might be more considerate if you go elsewhere to have your cigarette.

*Practice good housekeeping. Use an ashtray to extinguish cigarettes and matches. Be careful flicking your ashes.

NON-SMOKERS

*Practice patience. Realize that the habit of smoking is a tough one to break. Most people who smoke **want** to quit and two-thirds of all smokers have already tried to do so at least once.

*If a smoker lights up in a non-smoking area, politely mention it. Or if nearby cigarette smoke bothers you, by all means say so. In either case, the smoker probably wasn't aware of it.

*Choose your battles wisely. If it is not inconvenient to move away from nearby cigarette smoke, do it!



Smoking or Non-smoking What is your opinion?



The Following Two Questions Are To Be Answered by
Current Cigarette Smokers Only

66¹
35²
22³

Yes
No
Not sure

If our company offered a program to help you stop smoking, would you attend?

7

1 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for your immediate work area? (Check one)

There should be no restrictions 57¹ 186³

There should be a total ban on smoking 182² 7⁴

2 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for other areas at the workplace? (Check appropriate column at right)

	1 There should be no restrictions	2 There should be a total ban on smoking	3 There should be designated smoking & non-smoking areas
a) conference room	49	254	97
b) cafeteria	37	133	236
c) break room (lounge)	84	115	206
d) elevators	18	363	20
e) restrooms	143	182	73
f) other (please specify)	3	29	4

3 Do you feel CTA should offer programs to employees to help them stop smoking?

Yes 35¹
No 74²

4 Please indicate the extent to which you are bothered by someone else smoking at work.

Frequently 21¹
Occasionally 123²
Seldom 41³
Never 54⁴

5 If you are bothered by smoking at work, in what way are you bothered? (select all that apply)

Clothes & hair smell 259¹
Eye irritation 257²
Coughing 186³
Headaches 144⁴
Interferes with work performance 284⁵
Concern for long-term health effects 158⁶

6 How would you classify your current smoking status?

Current cigarette smoker 74¹
Current Pipe or cigar smoker 6²
Ex-smoker 170³
Never smoked 183⁴

8 If our company introduced a policy which restricted smoking on CTA premises, how do you think this would affect your overall smoking? (select only one)

39¹
15²
32³
28⁴

It would not affect my smoking
I would probably smoke more away from work
It might reduce the overall amount I smoke
I might try to quit

The Following Questions Should Be Answered by All Employees

9 How many employees are there in your immediate work area?

85¹
105²
227³

1-5
6-10
11-50

10 How many employees in your immediate work area smoke cigarettes?

166¹
184²
77³
82⁴

None
1-5
6-10
11-50

11 Are you...

281¹
137²

Male
Female

12 What is your age?

21¹
103²
258³
43⁴

18-25
26-35
36-55
Over 55

13 Are you...Management

308²

Non-Management

14 Additional Comments: 155

WRITTEN COMMENTS
WERE RECEIVED

Thank You for Your Help!



1st Robert Richardson
North Park



2nd Kenneth Fabian
Forest Glen



Ubaldo Munoz
North Park



Willie Johnson
Forest Glen

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Laurance Weathersby
69th Street



Robert Howard
Kedzie



David James
Lawndale



Ladell Jackson
Kedzie



Orlando Santiago
North Park



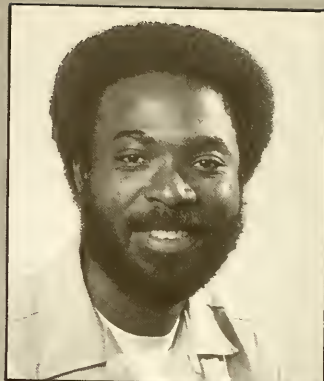
Eddie L. Johnson
77th Street

It was Benjamin Franklin who first said, "at first you don't succeed, try, try again," but was North Park garage's **Robert Richardson** who took Franklin's advice to heart a year after year, he applied himself in the CTA Bus Roadeo and finally came up a winner the seventh annual event.

The scores were indicative of a real horse race befitting contestants in a rodeo rather than the Bus Roadeo familiar to transit operators and other transit enthusiasts. The top three contestants were only two points apart, with Richardson earning 642 of a maximum 700 points. He was followed by Forest Glen garage Bus Roadeo veteran **Kenneth Fabian**, with 641 points, and **Joseph Rodenski**, with 640 points. Fabian has competed in the Top 20 at Soldier Field each year since the inception of the CTA Bus Roadeo. Rodenski, who began Roadeo participation in 1982, has been in the Top 20 since that time.



3rd Joseph Rodenski
Forest Glen



4th William Edgerton
Limits

ROADEO HORSE RACE



Jerome Smith
77th Street



George Michko
77th Street

Fourth place finisher **William Edgerton** of Limits garage, the 1985 Bus Rodeo winner, garnered 630 points. Edgerton and Rodenski are both in the supervisor and bus instructor pools.

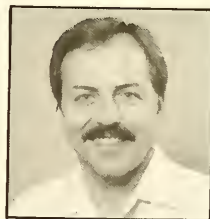
Richardson, a CTA bus operator for 16 years, like two-time CTA Bus Rodeo champion **John Odom**, is a Baptist preacher. He has competed in five of the seven CTA Bus Rodeo competitions, finishing as North Park garage champion in the events of 1981-83, 1985, and 1987. Since retiring from Rodeo competition, Odom has been appointed a bus instructor.

Richardson will represent CTA in the 1987 American Public Transit Association Bus Rodeo in the 40-foot category. The event is slated for September in San Francisco.

An Evanston resident, Richardson and his wife, **Shirley**, are the parents of three children, **Wanda**, **Latoya**, and **LaKeisha**.



Marcellus Williamson
69th Street



Craig Richter
Forest Glen



Richard Bruce
Kedzie



Luther Lewis
Beverly



Gerald Gross
Forest Glen



Caesar Lovera
Limits

Forest Glen team wins Maintenance Rodeo



Inspecting an engine compartment for defects are first place team mates (from left) **John Kochopolus**, **John Dzul**, and **Bob Kaese**.



Second place honors went to **Len Link**, **Gary Kendzerski**, and **Jim Krause**.



Third place winners **Phil Murnane**, **Tom Smith** and **John Murphy**.



Team effort was applied on the written test as demonstrated by third place finishers **Phil Murnane** (kneeling), **John Murphy** (front seat), and **Tom Smith**.

It was deja vu for Forest Glen maintenance garage as team captain and bus servicer **Robert Kaese**, foreman **John Kochopolus**, and bus repairer **John Dzul** topped 22 other garage maintenance teams to win the 1987 annual three-phase CTA Maintenance Rodeo, June 14, at Forest Glen and 77th Street stations.

It was a similar Forest Glen maintenance trio that took top honors in the first Maintenance Rodeo conducted in 1984 where only 13 three-person teams competed. This year's winning team went on, however, to more historical strides by placing second in the Illinois Public Transit Association [IPTA] contest, hosted by the Metropolitan Transit District in Champaign/Urbana on July 26.

Although they were not in competition with each other, both CTA Bus and Maintenance Rodeo contestants drove the same course and used the same judges during their respective

local competitions, held only hours apart.

The difference was that in the first, or driving phase, Maintenance Rodeo contestants substituted a stop at the wash rack for the Bus Rodeo passenger stop. In phase two, maintenance contestants were given a written safety mechanical quiz in which they participated collectively.

Phase three of the competition saw contestants trouble-shoot a vehicle in which 25 typical mechanical problems were rigged. Each team had seven minutes to find and record the problems, noted Bus Maintenance Rodeo chairman **Michael Hennessy**. Hennessy, a unit supervisor of bus garages, was assisted by Maintenance Rodeo committee members **Terrence Muellner** and **Thomas Gecan**, both maintenance superintendents.

The Kaese-Kochopolus-Dzul team

compiled a score of 643 of a possible 1100 points, thus earning the right to represent CTA at the September 12 international competition to be hosted by the Arlington Heights-based PACE transit organization.

Other contestants placing in the top five berths of the Maintenance Rodeo included team two of North Park garage with garage foreman **Len Link**, and repairers **Gary Kendzerski** and **Jim Krause**; team three located at Kedzie garage with repairers **Phil Murnane** and **John Murphy** of the Radio department, and maintenance garage clerk **Tom Smith**. Team four represented 69th Street garage with repairers **Taylor Kent** and **Ray Garner**, and clerk **Phillip Wells**. Foreman **Bruce Kujawa**, repairer **Duane Dooley**, and bus servicer **Michael Becton** of 77th Street Maintenance garage comprised team five.

Six Pack takes Volleyball Championship

The South Shops Six Pack, league leaders of the North League, took all the marbles in CTA's 1986-87 Volleyball Championship games. The winners topped nine other teams in a two-league play-off to close the season with a 12-1 record.

Championship rings and trophies were awarded to members of the team, and trophies were awarded to runner-up teams, coaches, and managers at a close of season banquet on May 29. Besides their individual trophies, each team received a trophy for its work location. The championship awards program was held at the Sabre Room in southwest suburban Hickory Hills, climaxing a four-month volleyball season which began December 3.

The Kedzie Destroyers finished second in the championship competition, although it placed third in the league. General Office Operations maintained a solid third place in the championship competition as well as in its South League, while the Limits Outlaws finished in fourth place, a step away from its last place South League finish.

Teams representing the North League besides the champions were P.K. Knight, a team of training center supervisors and instructors; Kedzie Destroyers, Limits Eagles, and the North Av. Royals. The South League comprised the 308th Derailers, General Office Operations, 69th Street Raiders, 77th Streakers, and Limits Outlaws.

Organization plans for the 1987-88 season are already underway. Persons interested in joining a volleyball team for next season should contact **Diana Caston** at Ext. 4257, Mart, or **Linda Downing** at Ext. 3613, Mart.



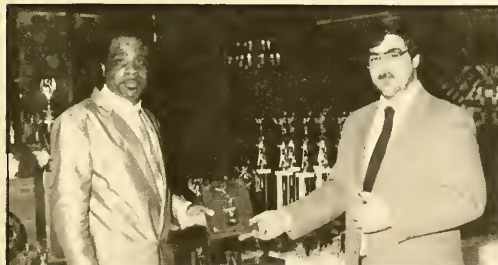
Numero Uno—the South Shops Six Pack had a big reason for smiling faces, which of course was the first place trophy, held here by [from left] Venise Hickland and Leslie Fuller. Others are Nguyen Dai, team captain Steve Fischer, Glennis Buford, Don Robertson, coach Dave Harlan, and Maurice Land.



Second place honorees, the Kedzie Destroyers, show off their trophies during awards night. Seated is Al Brooks. Other team members are [from left] Johnny Moore, Douglas Parker, Mary Rogers, Dorothy Bentley, Clark Carter [area superintendent, North], Robert Williams [Limits superintendent], Pamela Watkins; [back row] Anthony Duda, Johnny Coleman, and coach Phillip Fletcher.



Third place honors went to the General Office Operations team which included [from left] manager Shirley McClure, coach James McPhee, Helma Duaniver, Robert McClure, David Bernickey, and Frank Papaleo.



Displaying the fourth place team plaque are team manager Ira Milton, and coach Guido Mzrenda of Limits Outlaws.



Celebrating the close of a successful volleyball season is the program's "front office." Ready for the championship banquet are [from left] Diana Caston and Linda Downing, coordinators; Robert McClure, treasurer; Esther McKelker, financial secretary, and Georgia Washington, recording secretary.

BULLETIN!

Three HMO programs cancelled for 1988

The Benefit Services department will conduct its annual open enrollment from **October 1, 1987 through October 31, 1987**. During this time, every employee has the opportunity to make a change in the following areas: **Change of Health Carriers-HMOs/Travelers:** During this period **ONLY**, employees will have the opportunity to change from [A] Travelers to an HMO, [B] From an HMO to Travelers, or [C] From an HMO to a different HMO.

CTA has decreased the total number of HMOs from nine to six. The following HMO programs have been **cancelled: PruCare, Union Health Service, and Cooperative Health Plan.**

If you are currently enrolled with PruCare, Union Health Service, or Cooperative Health Plan, you must make a change in carriers. If you do not change, you will automatically be enrolled with Travelers Insurance Company effective 1-1-88.

As in previous years, HMO representatives will be visiting work locations to answer questions regarding their services. Only those employees who desire to change health carriers should complete an election card and return it to their department head.

Dental Plan: Employees who presently have their dependents enrolled in the dental program may withdraw at this time. Employees **MUST** submit a written withdrawal request. This request must contain the **employee's name, badge/payroll number, Social Security number, and area.** Dental Authorization cards for enrollment are available at each work location and **MUST** be completed to

implement enrollment.

Contributory Life Insurance: Employees enrolling for first-time benefits may purchase Additional Life Insurance in an amount equal to the coverage now in effect for them as follows:

Employees with one year of service but less than five years of service: \$7,500

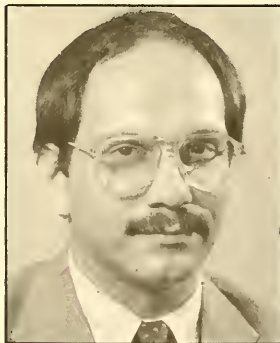
Employees with five or more years of service: \$17,500

Contributory Life Insurance Deduction Authorization cards are available at your work location. Each employee enrolling **MUST** complete one deduction authorization card and two blue beneficiary cards to implement enrollment.

Vision Care Plan: Employees who presently have themselves and their dependents under the vision care plan may withdraw at this time. Employees **MUST** submit a written withdrawal request. This request must contain the **employee's name, badge/payroll number, Social Security number, and area.** Deduction cards for enrollment are available at work locations and **MUST** be completed to implement enrollment.

Coverages for all health changes applied for during the open enrollment from October 1, 1987 through October 31, 1987, **DO NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1988.** If there are any questions regarding open enrollment, coverage, pre-existing conditions, etc., please contact **Ms. Susan Brewer**, ext. 3617, **Ms. Maria Hess**, ext. 3618, or **Ms. Margo Julun**, ext. 3616, in the Benefit Services department, **BEFORE** completing the election change cards.

Earns MBA



William Kostner, safety specialist, Industrial Safety, received his Master of Business Administration [MBA] degree at commencement ceremonies held on June 26 at the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. He is a 1974 graduate of Northern Illinois University, and he and his wife, **Terry**, have two children, **Richard**, age 12, and **Steven**, age 6.

More June Grads



STEPHEN VOLGARINO
Ridgewood H.S.
Ralph N. Volgarino
Retired



MARCY ALTHEIMER
Chicago Latin H.S.
Maxine Altheimer
Exec. Dir. Ofc.



ANGELA DENISE EATON
Central H.S., Macon, GA
Lincoln L. Eaton
Retired

Intensive study



Kenneth C. Schalk, the son of **Edward A. Schalk**, senior maintenance systems analyst at West Shops, has been invited to attend the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy [IMSA] in Aurora, a school for academically-talented students providing an intensive three-year educational experience. As one of the 300 students invited out of 860 high school freshmen who applied, **Kenneth** plans to study advanced math and science courses. He is an accomplished flutist, and has received several academic and music awards. His other interests include computers, electronics, and karate.

Riding in style



CTA was well represented in the June 13 Puerto Rican Day Parade along Dearborn street. A horse-drawn carriage joined beautifully-decorated floats and a CTA bus to march behind Mayor Washington, other city officials, and dignitaries for the festive celebration. Riding in the carriage were [from left] West Side ticket agent Ms. Edna Baez, second vice president, Hispanic American Transit Association [HATA]; Felipe Gonzalez, HATA president; Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director; North Avenue bus operator Ms. Maria R. Pelaez, HATA board member, and George Dalmas, first vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241.

Takes part in filming



Bus operator Edwin LeBoy, Forest Glen garage, took part in the filming of a TV program saluting the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. The production crew from WLS-TV [Channel 7] filmed LeBoy reading the Preamble to the Constitution on the steps of the Museum of Science and Industry. The scene was part of a show titled, *The Words We Live By*. The show was televised on July 11 and will be repeated in September.

Purchasing employee awarded professional honor



G. Bernard Kazlauskas, procurement engineer, Purchasing, has been named a Certified Purchasing Manager [CPM] by the National Association of Purchasing Management [NAPM].

CPM candidates are required to have at least five years of experience in purchasing/materials management, and must pass an extensive four-part examination. Only 13,500 purchasing professionals nationwide have received the coveted distinction of CPM.

NAPM provides national and international leadership in purchasing and materials management, and through its 161 affiliates also provides continued opportunities for its members to improve their skills, and to become CPM qualified.

Kazlauskas, of Oak Park, has been a CTA employee for 10 years, and is an Illinois registered professional engineer. He is included in the 19th edition of *Who's Who in the Midwest*, a member of the American Chemical Society, and the American Society for Testing and Materials. He is also active in several community and fraternal organizations.

He received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and was awarded a brevet second lieutenant's commission [honorary] in the Illinois National Guard by the Illinois Military and Naval Department.



Special plaque

S. T. Lucas [center, seated], mobile equipment operator at warehouse 20, Material Control West, is surrounded by co-workers celebrating his retirement after 31 years of service.



Supervisor James Riley [photo at right] presents Lucas with a special plaque honoring his years of CTA service.



Eddie Evans, supervisor, Budget Manpower and Administration, Engineering and Maintenance, shows off one of the gifts presented to him by fellow employees at his retirement reception after more than 44 years of CTA service. Among those present for the occasion were Evans' wife, Mrs. Irene Evans, and co-workers [from left] Casey Noga, Ken Carson, Jim Elliott, and Eric Gustafson.



Kahn joins pensioners

West Shops personnel celebrated the retirement of senior electrical and mechanical maintenance engineer Eric Kahn [left], who joins CTA pensioners after 12 years of service. Extending best wishes to Kahn is David A. Hillock, manager, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance.



Still in maintenance

Richard [Dick] Schneider, acting deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, shares the joyous moment of CTA retirement with his wife [left], Mrs. Barbara Schneider, and their daughter, Steffi. Schneider, who served the CTA for more than 43 years in maintenance, joined the North Suburban Mass Transit District [NORTAN] as manager of maintenance.

INSIDE NEWS

North Park

Well, Shades of Sherlock Holmes! Who could have guessed that when this photograph was taken, immediately after competition had ended at Soldiers Field for the 1987 CTA Bus Rodeo finals, we would be looking at its winners? Operator **Robert Richardson** came up with a very impressive score of 643 out of a possible 700 points. That just goes to show you: North Park's Instruction department knows their job. Along with the winner's title is an all-expense-paid trip for two to attend the American Public Transit Association's Rodeo to be held in San Francisco, California, September 22, 1987. Shown in their



victory salute are winner **Robert Richardson**, Station Superintendent **Samuel W. Smith Jr.**, and fellow North Park Operators/Finalists **Ubaldo Munoz** and **Orlando Santiago**. Hmmm, do we see the 1988 winner here also? ... Glad to see an operator back at North Park who seems so shy and never seems to make her presence known. Welcome back, **Mookie**. Nope, we don't know how she came to get a nickname like that, so you'll just have to ask her ... Just in case all you folks working the #146 runs haven't seen him, **Hernando Lopez** is probably longing to be back enjoying our current great warm weather on the buses, but first he has

to finish his four weeks of hard-earned vacation time ... Sheridan Operator **Joe T. Morquecho** naturally seems a mite proud when we hear news of the U.S. Navy in our conversations lately,



because he has a son, **Jaime Morquecho**, currently serving aboard the **U.S.S. Forrestal** ... Sorry, we forgot to give credit to **Jackie Hernandez** for her efforts in helping with recently-retired Operator **Ed Unrein's** farewell mementos ... How about that Skokie Operator **Carl Guse** going off to Jasper, Alabama with his nephew Dave Guse for a week of angling for tasty-eatin' catfish? ... Anyone else notice **Redmond Ward's** new cookie duster? Besides being an avid motorcyclist, member of the North Park football team, and golfer, who knows what he'll be into next? ... According to the **Bobman** from our repair department, the North Park Dogs softball team is still playing undefeated as hot weather and the season march along. Their next victims in the scheduled lineup are the folks in the repair department at Forest Glen. Thank you for the input, **Mr. Powell** ... What's with all of these calories catching all of us here at the station, the latest of which was called "A Taste

of North Park?" **Frances Walker** and some of our more gifted culinary culprits such as **Chef Victor Colon**, got together and managed to serve up some real treats for all those operators who were lucky enough to be present when the various dishes were unveiled. Judging by the looks of the hungry individuals pictured here, we shall just note that Frances is the one wearing the cap, serving Operator **Ricky Hogan**, who managed to get ahead of everyone else ... While we speak of summer fun and parties, it was nice to see another of the North Park retirees, Janitor **California**, who obviously wasn't about to miss out on an occasion to trade some memories and just shake hands ... Need we point out that this reporter recommends traveling via **Amtrak** if you want to really enjoy a review of the many beautiful states that surround us. While on vacation we managed to travel to Southern California via the rail system, and we saw all of the many popular sights, such as the Universal Studios tour, Disneyland, Hollywood and its "Walk of Stars," and all the rest of that state's many offerings. It was grrreat! ... Some of our line instructors will recognize the following names, as their latest students go through the training process this summer. So, welcome to our newest operators: **Fernandel Lind**, **Alfonse Gonzalez**, **Florencio Cordona**, **Manuel Acosta**, **Mario Collins**, **Alfredo Rodriguez**, **William Valverde**, **Maurice Alfred**, **Bradshaw Collins**, and **Karim Lafi** ... Our roving supervisor from C District, **Edward White**, must have been one of them "spit-n-polish" veterans. Ever



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see the shine on those shoes of his? ... Students in training: **Deborah Banks** is attending Columbia college and majoring in journalism, and has an eye to a career in television, while **Fernandel Lind** comes to CTA truly prepared: he formerly worked for the Trailways bus system as a driver for 11 years ... Congratulations and salutations to our newly-elected union representative, Operator **Howard Monroe** ... **Vicki Nesbit's** casual reply, when asked how she felt about reaching her twelfth year of service as a bus operator: 38 to go ... Our sympathies go out to fellow Operator **Iona Williams** on the passing of her sister, Jean Collins ... We can only wonder why **Owen Terry**, famous photographer and one of North Park's camera club members, would fly off to Jamaica for a week in the sun and not have any pictures? ... Still looking his usual, sharp self, with the season's current menswear, was none other than our former Chief Clerk, **Jerry Blake**, who just happened to come by the station on our union election day. Nice seeing you again, Jerry ... Y - A - W - N. It's your turn ... Well, finally we can let their many friends and co-workers know that Operators **Dan Dzyacky** and his wife, **Nilda**, have a baby daughter to start spoiling. Little [?] **Celina Marie** was born this past May 22, weighing all of ELEVEN pounds and some ounces. Mama Mia! ... Can someone pass the word to Clark street Operators **PeeWee Dawkins** and **Mac McCormick** that, even though our recent weather shows the temperature to be in the high 90's, they don't really have to wear their sweaters ALL DAY. Mac explains it only by saying that he's storing up heat for our winter driving season ... Must be raising 'em right! How else to explain how your daughter **Kathy** would take care of all the expenses, when she announces she's planning to celebrate your silver wedding anniversary at one of Chicago's better restaurants? Assistant Superintendent **Sal Carbonelli** and his wife, **Maria**, received this special greeting and surprise June 30 of this year, and here's looking at plenty

more of those types of good years to come ... Will **Martin Johnson** naturally be the first one on the scene at 6 a.m., ready to fire up his barbecue specialties as he did for last year's garage picnic? This year's event is to be held at the same location. With all of the free eats and drinks that the kids will receive, we expect to see all of you parents/operators participating in the various games everyone gets a chance to laugh about, when they see the inevitable pictures some of our station photographers are sure to get ... For the benefit of the shy ladies among our operator ranks who own and don't understand cameras, you may now add **Pearl Atkins** as a new member of the North Park SLR's camera club. Pearl and her daughter, **Renee**, were kind enough to bring some tasty tidbits while attending the club's mid-month meeting at **Chester Harris's** home, along with **Michael Collymore**, **Vicki Nesbit**, **Gersham Johnson**, **Jeremy Cole**, **Vince Dawson** [Limits], and **Michael Flores**. [Owen Terry was you-know-where.] C'mon out with our members some Sunday and bring your camera! ... While **Joe Conwell** recharges his calculator batteries, we have to admire a father who can manage to have three of his children get married all within one year! The latest of those to say "I do" is Joe's daughter, **Loretta**, herewith to be known as **Mrs. Carlos Baez** ... And how was YOUR summer, Ladies and Gentlemen?

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in August

40 Years

James Dudley, Eng./Mtce. Safety

35 Years

Walter Hallford, Bldg./Ground Mtce.
Rodgers Harmon, Kedzie
Henry Hughes, Kimball Mtce.
Mary Lyall, Payroll Oper's
Carl McQuay, North Avenue
George Richmond Jr., Ashland
James Short, Archer

30 Years

Joseph Abercrombie, Bus Dist. C
Harold Abrams, Beverly
Lee Catchings, Beverly
Wesley Cobbs, Kedzie
Curtis English Jr., Forest Glen
Willie Fultz, Utility
Martin Hautzinger, Limits
Monroe Jackson, Bus Dist. A
Clifton Jones, 77th Street
Olan Kellogg Jr., Cent. Count'g
Claude Rogers, 77th Street
Albert Strickland, Rel. Area-Bus
Marvin Tucker, 77th Street
John Woods, Agents Dist.
A. C. Works, Utility

25 Years

Robert Albrecht, Sig., Phone & Radio
George Appleby, Bus Dist. C
David Barr, Sig., Phone & Radio
Donald Bonick, Douglas/Congress
Otis Brown, Kedzie
Claude Brown Jr., Archer
Elijah Coleman, Bus Instruction
Manuel Coronado, Forest Glen
Gerald Cox, North Park
George DeYoung, Ashland
Eugene Eason, Bus Dist. A
John Flanagan, Archer
Edgar Greer Jr., Bus Dist. A
Raymond Hamb, Archer
Lawrence Lee, 69th Street
Tilmon Lloyd Jr., North Avenue
Johnnie Motton, Cent. Bus Dist.
Paul Sladek, South Shops
Donald Sturenfeldt, Bus Maint. Dist.
Donald Tarnowski, Equip. Tech. Servcs.

North Section

Letasha Taylor, having graduated from Shoop Elementary School, will begin high school at Morgan Park. Letasha, who is the daughter of **Louis Taylor**, Archer, and **Mary Ann Taylor**, North Section, was a member of the pom pom team. She was also a junior counselor during the 7th and 8th grades, by virtue of a B average. We expect to hear more good things about Letasha in the future. She has everything going for her ... beauty, brains, and terrific parents.

Jo Anderson



Retirements JULY.

John D. Apostolas, Mad/Wab., 17 Yrs.
Saundra A. Battles, South Section, 27 Yrs.
John A. Bright, Congress, 36 Yrs.
Lawyer I. Durr, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
James H. Henderson, Forest Glen, 34 Yrs.
Irene Peterson, Matrls. Mgmt., 33 Yrs.
Jewel R. Roberson, Beverly, 33 Yrs.
James E. Stanford, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
Adrian M. Truitt, 77th Street, 30 Yrs.
Joseph P. Vareika, Archer, 25 Yrs.
Houston H. Washington, 95th St., 36 Yrs.

Kyusik H. Hong, Forest Glen, 11 Yrs.
*Riley Ford, West Section, 20 Yrs.
Jackqueline Jackson, Kedzie, 9 Yrs.
Maceo Jenkins, South Shops, 23 Yrs.
Luis A. Santiago, Kedzie, 13 Yrs.
Mildred Stern, Kimball, 15 Yrs.
Earl R. Wiley, Kimball, 19 Yrs.

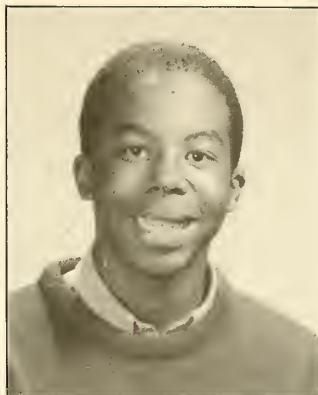
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AUGUST.

Harry Boris, Forest Glen, 24 Yrs.
Willie L. Burge Jr., 69th Street, 30 Yrs.
Clifford Coleman, Mad/Wab., 31 Yrs.
James H. Dohoney, Cent. Dist., 40 Yrs.
Joseph Leone Jr., Forest Glen, 10 Yrs.
Frederick W. Miraglio, West Section, 40 Yrs.
Edward McCutcheon Jr., Kedzie, 27 Yrs.
Thomas Togher, West Shops, 38 Yrs.

*Carl L. McCormack, Forest Glen, 13 Yrs.
Andre T. Prowell, Forest Glen, 15 Yrs.
Leamuel Taylor, 77th Street, 12 Yrs.

*Retroactive to 1-1-87



Returns from Germany

Brian Stephen, 16-year-old son of bus controller James Stephen and his wife, Edith, recently returned from a two-month exchange program in the Federal Republic of West Germany.

Stephen, who was selected to participate in the program by the Youth for Understanding International Exchange, is a senior at Chicago Vocational high school where he ranks third academically in his class.

A former member of the CVS football team, he plans to attend college next year for a pre-law curriculum.

The exchange program, in which students study as they reside with a host nation family, also provides them an opportunity to understand and respect the customs and cultures of people in foreign nations, through their interaction with their host families. The program is sponsored by Independence Bank of Chicago.

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Award winner

Jason Rimmele, 14, the son of administrative services paper handler Charles and Phyllis Rimmele, was the recipient of special recognition upon graduating from Laramie Junior high school in southwest suburban Oak Forest. The youth received 10 special certificates honoring his academic performance and citizenship. Included were the Presidential Academic Fitness award for outstanding academic achievement, the Laramie Junior high school outstanding scholarship certificate, Student Council award, Principal's award for outstanding scholarship, the Illinois Council of Teachers in Mathematics award, Class Secretary award, Dramatic Activities award for outstanding work in the school play production of *Girl Crazy*, and the Oak Forest Rotary Club award for student of the year.



Utility retirees got together at a reception in Florida to celebrate the Brady's and Swain's 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 1987. Left to right are: Ollie and Ruth Johnson, of Largo; Wally and Grace Swain of Palm Harbor; Richard and Julia Brady of Clearwater, and Norbert Gewelfe and Loretta of Largo.

Retired [Jan. 1, 1958] CTA car body inspector **George Walter Perdue**, 94, of Pascagoula, Miss., and his wife, **Mabel**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 23. The Perdues, who made their home in Chicago until his retirement after 38 years of service, received several gifts, cards and telephone calls from friends and family on the occasion of their anniversary. They are the parents of three children and five grandchildren.

General Office

When Technical Services supervisor **Larry Oomens** began remodeling his Bensenville home, he not only tore out walls, he tore out a few pages of history—old Chicago Daily Tribune newspapers with datelines of decades ago had been used by previous owners to insulate the house. Oomens discovered headlines proclaiming, "Ethiopia Makes Peace Bid to Italy," and "Hoover Calls on Roosevelt for Showdown." Others declared the Nazis ready to crush all foes, actress Joan Blondell was filing for divorce from her first husband, cameraman George Barnes [made front page], and the man and wife comedy team of Gracie Allen and George Burns had just arrived in Chicago showing off their one-year old adopted daughter, Sandra Jean. These were headlines of August 12, 1935—more than 50 years ago when a newspaper was two cents a copy, and there was more of it to read. Moreover, the price of merchandise at still-famous area stores reflected an economy not really much

different from modern times. The working man earned \$15-\$25 a week, and store items were still half a paycheck or more. A man's topcoat was advertised in the newspaper as going for \$29.50, and "the birthplace of America's foremost fashions in footwear" featured a shoe sale with prices down from \$14.50 to \$7.95. By comparison, national trends have not changed very much in half a century. **Inside News** thanks Larry for sharing his historical treasure ... Meanwhile, back to 1987: **Deborah L. Grillo**, 28, of Palatine, was the winner of the eighth annual School Bus Safety Rodeo held recently at Palatine high school. Ms. Grillo is the granddaughter of the late **Edward T. Gundlach**, a CTA bus operator who was assigned to North Avenue garage. A driver for eight years in Palatine Elementary School District 15, Ms. Grillo beat 55 other drivers, and was awarded a trophy, \$50, and the opportunity to represent Illinois in the national competition held in Denver in July ... On the artistic scene, a poster titled "Still Going Strong," took top honors in Triton Community College's recent Level One Design competition. The artist was 16-year-old Lane Technical high school sophomore



Hugo F. Galvez, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Hugo I. [Lizveth] Galvez**. His father, a bus operator and CTA employee of 12 years service, is assigned to North Park garage. The work was outstanding. Best wishes for many more first place ribbons to this budding young artist ... Congratulations to former Howard terminal a.m. superintendent **William Nichols** who was recently named area superintendent, North Rail. Nichols is a graduate of Farragut high school and holds a certificate of business administration. He joined CTA in 1969 as a rail conductor.

IN MEMORIAM

Arnold S. Anderson, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-24-33, Died 5-31-87
Steven G. Anton, 58, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-3-58, Died 5-6-87
Anthony F. Blazejch, 59, Archer, Emp. 10-31-47, Died 5-15-87
August Brosseau, 86, Engineering, Emp. 5-13-40, Died 5-13-87
Albert J. Clark, 74, West Section, Emp. 7-16-36, Died 6-25-87
Daniel Clark, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-2-35, Died 6-21-87
James E. Connor, 73, North Park, Emp. 11-24-41, Died 6-30-87
Margaret A. Cooke, 84, North Sect., Emp. 1-17-44, Died 6-30-87
Alphonse F. Delcorse, 75, South Sect., Emp. 4-10-43, Died 6-1-87
James H. Dowey, 80, North Park, Emp. 10-9-28, Died 5-29-87
Magnus V. Edgar Jr., 63, North Park, Emp. 2-11-54, Died 6-6-87
Clarence V. Eschbach, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 7-22-47, Died 6-26-87
Albert Fennema, 70, Plant Mice., Emp. 7-30-45, Died 5-31-87
Patrick J. Flynn, 81, South Section, Emp. 1-13-43, Died 6-19-87
John S. Franzen, 88, Sched.-Traffic, Emp. 6-18-23, Died 5-13-87
Willard J. Friebe, 65, North Park, Emp. 3-26-46, Died 5-14-87

Chester A. Gazinski, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-14-47, Died 5-2-87
Ray Gorham, 89, Howard, Emp. 2-20-42, Died 5-11-87
Charles J. Graffeo, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-19-47, Died 6-20-87
Anthony Granahan, 88, North Park, Emp. 8-2-17, Died 5-28-87
John T. Hanly, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 2-26-26, Died 5-1-87
Herbert S. Harris, 78, Limits, Emp. 5-22-41, Died 6-25-87
John M. Hart, 74, Douglas, Emp. 3-23-53, Died 6-2-87
Joseph Hoffman, 97, Archer, Emp. 11-13-17, Died 4-17-87
Lloyd D. Holmgren, 68, Jefferson Park, Emp. 1-28-48, Died 6-18-87
John P. Horvat, 84, Shops & Equip., 4-30-17, Died 6-14-87
William Hunniford, 82, South Section, Emp. 5-5-43, Died 6-15-87
Harvey H. Jahns, 84, Logan Square, Emp. 2-20-24, Died 6-13-87
Halvard O. Johnson, 78, Shops & Equip., Emp. 1-27-42, Died 6-10-87
Edward C. Klie, 80, Stores, Emp. 2-25-24, Died 5-31-87
Hobart E. Knight, 77, Beverly, Emp. 5-12-42, Died 6-30-87
Joseph W. Kozubek, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-16-43, Died 6-2-87
Arthur E. Lauter, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-19-28, Died 5-1-87

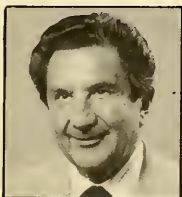
Joseph McCray, 69, South Shops, Emp. 9-30-47, Died 5-26-87
Edward J. McGuire, 77, South Section, Emp. 5-18-38, Died 5-16-87
Edward J. Moloney, 86, Beverly, Emp. 7-30-23, Died 6-22-87
Fred C. Ohnesorge, 83, North Section, Emp. 1-29-25, Died 5-20-87
Nello J. Paolicchi, 78, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-24-27, Died 6-11-87
Dorothy M. Pugh, 60, North Section, Emp. 10-22-69, Died 6-12-87
Tony Scianna, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-12-29, Died 5-2-87
Allen C. Smith Jr., 64, 77th Street, Emp. 1-3-52, Died 6-17-87
Edwin N. Stobart, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-25-32, Died 5-21-87
Sten M. Stromblad, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 5-31-45, Died 5-4-87
Ava M. Thomas, 63, North Section, Emp. 2-2-63, Died 5-1-87
Anthony M. Vitale, 87, Int. Auditing, Emp. 8-9-20, Died 6-9-87
Joseph A. Ward, 72, Veh. Mice., Emp. 11-6-41, Died 6-23-87
Charles L. Whitman, 64, Kedzie, 10-23-51, Died 6-13-87
Donald H. Worcester, 79, Electrical, Emp. 6-29-39, Died 5-5-87
Fletcher Young, 59, Beverly, Emp. 10-26-64, Died 6-23-87

Service anniversaries in July

40 Years



**Frank
Bruno,**
Mtc. Trng.



**Michael
Lacriola,**
Transp.
Personnel

Frederick Miraglio, Jefferson Park
John Murray, Esc. Mtc.
Leonard Skrine, Adm. Svcs.

35 Years

Donald Gierhahn, Distribution
Peter Kouchoukos, Distribution

30 Years

Carl Benoit, Forest Glen
Willie Burge Jr., 69th Street
Michael Chambers, Esc. Mtc.
Michael Deely, Forest Glen
Carl Fields, Bus Dist. C
Jessie Gilmore, 77th Street
Robert Hawkins, Stores
Andrew Hendrix Jr., Archer
Jerome Holmes, North Park
Sam McCuller, Utility
Charles Myers, Schedules
James Richardson, Agents Dist.

25 Years

Robert Adamczyk, Archer
Jean Astree, 77th Street
Kenneth Brown, Bus Relief
Arthur Coli, Sig., Phone & Radio
Ronald Hawkins, Prog. Implmntn.
Ernest Hayes, Ashland
George Holland, Motor Veh. Des.
Walter McKinney, Archer
Kenneth Mettler Jr., Sub-Ass'y/Elec.
Robert Surita, 77th Street
Willie Wherry, Kedzie
Arthur Woods, Forest Park

INSIDE NEWS



Former CTA conductor **Joseph M. Glasser** (third from left), retired since August 1, 1959 after 41 years of service, took a trip down memory lane as he visited the Merchandise Mart recently. The 92-year-old Mr. Glasser who resided briefly in St. Petersburg, Fla., now lives with his son William in Skokie. This photograph, taken in 1947, shows conductor Glasser with other Logan Square station personnel.

They are (from left) motorman (first name unknown) **Tramatola**, train clerk **Harry Baker**, Glasser, and dispatcher **Gedeldick**. Anyone with information concerning the St. Petersburg Retirement Club for Division 241 and 308 personnel which Mr. Glasser says always met on 16th Street, should contact Mr. Glasser at 5114 Carol Street, Skokie.

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

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Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

Chicago's history could include your own story



You can be part of Chicago's sesquicentennial celebration by sharing your memories of the city.

A special archive has been opened as part of Chicago's 150th birthday celebration, providing a place for the personal stories and memories of all workers, citizens and friends of Chicago.

Whether you are a native Chicagoan, or simply shared in Chicago life 24 hours or 24 years, your memories of the city are important and may be placed in this special archive. Chicago is attempting to collect as much of its history as possible. Your recollections and experiences are important.

CTA employees, who may possibly treasure some memorable events or occasions from pages of their lives in Chicago, are encouraged to put it in writing and make it a sesquicentennial gift to the city.

The sesquicentennial office at 9 East Jackson is providing a free workshop to assist those who may not know how to tell their story, and encourages everyone to contact the office for assistance. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional information is available by calling **744-3168**.

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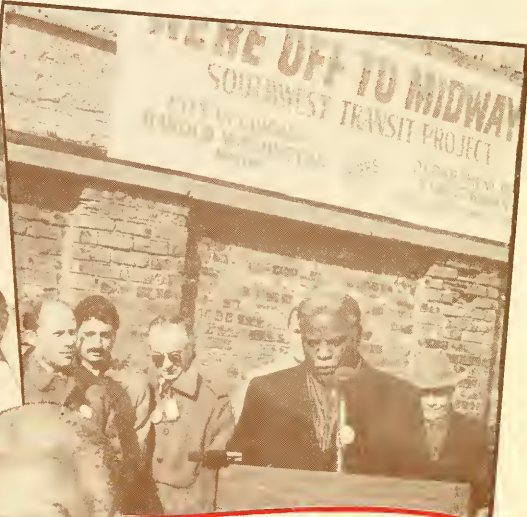
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**MAYOR HAROLD
WASHINGTON ...**



**HE PASSED
OUR WAY!**



40-year celebration unfolds excitement



Uniform fashion has changed many times since October 1947 when CTA entered the transit age. Employees representing the

Authority's bus, rail, and ticket agent personnel, modeled uniforms past and present before enthusiastic spectators.

Nostalgia reigned in Chicago's Loop the week of Oct. 5 when CTA celebrated 40 years of service with a fond glance at its past.

The excitement unfolded at the Daley Center Plaza, where Big Band 1940's sounds echoed. A unique fashion show featured CTA employees modeling uniforms past and present, and **Mayor Harold Washington** and other dignitaries, including retired CTA Executive Director **George Krambles**, were on hand to wish the CTA a happy 40th Anniversary.

A 1920's rapid transit train took passengers around the inner Loop 'L' at the regular fare of \$1, making all stops. For the entire week, visitors to the Daley Center toured one of the famous Green Homet streetcars and other vintage transit vehicles, all open

to the public as part of the anniversary festivities.

While guests at the fashion show got a gander at CTA summer and winter uniforms worn over the years by bus operators, conductors and motorpersons, "Sir Thanks-A-Lot," a mascot in shining armor, distributed pass card holders-another "thank you" from CTA. Meanwhile, on board the vintage railcars circling the Loop, musicians played appropriate railroad songs on the mandolin and guitar.

The vehicles on display at the Daley Center, a Green Homet streetcar, a 1944 gasoline bus, a 1951 trolley bus, and a 1952 diesel bus, played an important role in Chicago's development over the years, and served as fascinating walk-through exhibits commemorating the city's transportation history.



Included in the Daley Plaza display was Bus 3407, the familiar red and cream vehicle built in 1944 for the Chicago Surface Lines. Converted into a training bus in 1955, and retired in 1974, Bus 3407 was part of CTA's historical bus collection until last year, when it was sold to the Illinois Railway Museum.



"Sir Thanks-A-Lot" waves to the celebrating crowd. CTA's "knight in shining armor" distributed free pass holders in appreciation for the public's patronage over the Authority's 40-year history.



Wearing transit operator's garb reminiscent of an era gone by, this duo strummed banjos and serenaded riders with tunes of the '40s aboard an antique train as it circled the Loop during the anniversary festivities.

The diesel bus was loaned to CTA for the occasion by the Fox River Trolley Museum, and the other vehicles were on loan from the Illinois Railway Museum.

The Daley Center Plaza celebration paid tribute to all of the 12,500 CTA work force, but 39 employees with at least 40 years of service received special recognition at a luncheon held in the Niko hotel.

CTA began operating Oct. 1, 1947, with the consolidation of the old Chicago Surface Lines, and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. In 1952, CTA added the Chicago Motor Coach Company to its organization. CTA is the second largest public transportation system on the North American continent, with 2.1 million trips taken each weekday by Chicago and suburban riders.

40 Year Honorees

Jeannette Ludmann	Ralph Keane
Edward Wilieko	Wallace Clemens
Herbert Schorner	Richard Bushbaum
Rosemary Kenny	Harold Friedl
Robert Valerious	Francis Hennigan
John O'Connor	James Dohoney
Michael Vitale	James Madden
Valeria Bowman	Allen Pfeiffer
Robert Koster	Frank Wisniewski
William Ruddle	Michael Laciola
Carmella Petrella	Leonard Skrine
Regina Daren	Frederick Miraglio
John Tertz, Jr.	John Murray
Joseph Grojean	Frank Bruno
Vernon Coleman	James Dудley
Dino Fuggiti	James Ward
Harry Hawke	Joseph Marszalek
Richard Norton	Edward Schurz, Jr.
Lois Jahne	James Durr
Robert McCarthy	Edward Superczynski
Edward Barry	

Bosses take customer telephone calls



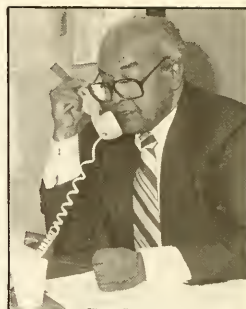
Robert Paaswell



John Hoellen,



Natalia Delgado



Walter Clark

The CTA Board got first-hand knowledge of rider opinions about CTA service when four of its members were on the hot seat as customer assistance representatives.

CTA Chairman **Walter Clark**, board members **John Hoellen**, **Natalia Delgado** and **James I. Charlton**, as well as Executive Director **Dr. Robert Paaswell**, manned telephones for nearly two hours during the Oct. 7 morning rush hour to hear the public's thoughts about CTA rail and bus service.

Having CTA's top brass get an earful of frustrated, dissatisfied riders was a first time event which was suggested by the Promotional Services section as part of CTA's 40th Anniversary celebration.

The plan was published by the media, and the public obliged with calls that ran the gamut from questions about where to stand while waiting for a bus to why there were no announcements during a 30-minute delay on the Ravenswood rapid transit line.

Customer Assistance Superintendent **Daniel Kane**, service representatives **Jim Roche** and **Dennis Murphy**, and coordinators **Camilla Render**, **Michael Cramer**, and **Steven Haslalis** stood by as coaches while CTA's top decision makers fielded calls concerning bus and rapid transit schedules, defective equipment, improper fare collections, and complaints about employees and general service performance.

Other coaches were **Jesse Waugh** and **Peter Knezevich**, customer assistance technicians, and **Maria Gonzalez**, confidential office assistant.

Did their brief role as customer assistance representatives give them a better awareness of customer concerns? "Yes," replied Chairman Walter Clark, "you get a good idea about what's going on."

Board member Charlton called the morning "educational," and Dr. Paaswell went away with a new appreciation for the customer assistance representative's job. "It's not as easy as it looks," he said.

CTA family hosts French exchange student

When 10-year-old Bruno Guillet left Chicago on May 24 for Paris, he took with him the love of new friends, including a CTA family which had been his host for three weeks.

Bruno, of St. Maur, France, a suburb of Paris, had been an exchange student in south suburban Park Forest Elementary District 163, where he was the guest of **Rick and Kristine Guinn**. Rick is a CTA training specialist who is assigned to the Maintenance Training Center at Lawndale.

Two months earlier, Guinn's own 10-year-old son, **Peter**, had spent three weeks in Bruno's St. Maur home as guest of the Guillet family. Across the miles, the parents had correspond-



Exchange student Bruno Guillet and Rick Guinn, CTA training specialist, visit with Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director.

ed in preparation for the exchange student program, which Rick and Kristine continue to support.

Bruno Guillet's stateside experience not only included attending Peter's elementary school in Park Forest, just as his young host had attended his

school in St. Maur, but it meant enjoying some of Chicago's customs and culture which are typically American, such as a trip to White Sox Park for a baseball game, a visit to Shedd Aquarium, and an American public transportation experience on CTA.

Install video monitors for CTA 'L' riders



Mayor Harold Washington, assisted by Albert R. Babinicz, Vice President, Metro Vision of North America, Inc., prepares to unveil the video monitor at O'Hare International Airport. Present for the unveiling were [right] Edward Levell, airport deputy commissioner, and CTA Executive Director Robert Paaswell. The information system broadcasts promotional messages and customer information, as well as special notices and up-to-the-minute schedule information.

CTA commuters waiting to board "L" trains are being treated to up-to-the-minute news, weather and sports, as well as transit schedules, courtesy of full-color video monitors installed at their stations. The system will be functioning at 17 Chicago area "L" stations including O'Hare terminal and the Merchandise Mart.

The state-of-the-art electronic communications system is being provided by Metro Vision of North America,

and operates free of cost to the CTA and its customers. Chicago is the largest American city to install Metro Vision on its rapid transit system.

Mayor Harold Washington officiated at a special inaugural ceremony for the news information network as it opened at O'Hare International Airport on Sept. 10, which also marked the third anniversary of CTA rail service between O'Hare and downtown Chicago.

"In return for the right to display advertising on a portion of their programming, Metro Vision installs their information network free of charge, and will pay us a minimum fee of \$150,000 over the contract period of five years," said **Dr. Robert Paaswell**, CTA Executive Director. "The new system enables us to give the public valuable information, including up-to-the-minute scheduling data and marketing messages, at no cost to the CTA and its customers."

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION for HAROLD WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, The Members of the Chicago Transit Board and the employees of the Chicago Transit Authority were deeply saddened by the death of -Harold Washington, Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Board Members and Authority employees join with the citizens of Chicago in mourning the loss of an exemplary leader; and

WHEREAS, Harold Washington dedicated his life to public service representing the citizens of Chicago in the State Legislature and in Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 Harold Washington had the distinction of being elected the first black mayor of the City of Chicago and was elected to his second term in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Washington rose to national prominence through his championing of causes for the betterment of his constituency; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Washington strove to improve relations among all ethnic and racial groups that comprise the citizenry of this city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Washington will long be remembered for his warm smile, his friendship to the young and old, rich and poor alike and his love for the city and his people; and

WHEREAS, In our sorrow we must express our gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the entire City of Chicago and our heartfelt regret that the citizens of Chicago have lost a great mayor and the Chicago Transit Authority has lost a great friend; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED That the Members of the Chicago Transit Board extend our condolences to his beloved family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be spread of record upon the minutes of this meeting.

Adopted by the Chicago Transit Board December 2, 1987

Maintenance Day in CTA honors 10

Car servicer **Rita Wicks** was en route to her job at Harlem terminal when she discovered a man lying in a pool of blood on the platform at Oak Park avenue and Lake street.

Ms. Wicks immediately rendered first aid and requested crews of two passing trains to call for help. She stayed with the man until paramedics of the Oak Park Fire Department arrived.

In a similar incident, Archer bus repairers **Joseph Neely** and **Robert Powers**, and assistant Archer garage foreman **Rodney Lance** rushed to assist co-worker **Anthony Blazeovich** who had collapsed of a heart attack during a retirement celebration in his honor.

The three Archer employees, who had been trained in the techniques of administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation, put their life-sustaining knowledge to work immediately and were credited with reviving Blazeovich before paramedics arrived. [Editor's Note: Mr. Blazeovich subsequently suffered a fatal heart attack in May 1987 after his retirement. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family.]

Rail janitor **McDonald Newkirk** was in the subway at Madison and Wabash performing his duties when he noticed a boy scribbling on the walls. Newkirk apprehended the youth, took away his marker and gave him a stern lecture about his destructiveness and the unsightliness of graffiti. Several weeks later the boy returned with his brother who also received a lecture. Newkirk is credited with showing a lot of pride in being a CTA employee, and in keeping the sub-



Bus controller **Aaron Crockett** [left] explains Control Room procedures to Maintenance Day in CTA honorees as **James Elliott** [background], Engineering and Maintenance personnel coordinator, looks on. The honorees are [from left] rail janitor **McDonald Newkirk**, bus repairers **Robert Powers** and **Joseph Neely**, and car servicer **Rita Wicks**.

ways clean. His battle against graffiti drew the attention of the **Chicago Tribune** which published a story regarding Newkirk's efforts.

Other Engineering and Maintenance employees honored on A Day in CTA were **Edward Lubomski** and **James Van Grimbergen**, electrical workers at Skokie Shop; **Peter King** and **Carlo Cinquepalmi**, bus servicers at North Park and Forest Glen garages, and Forest Glen night foreman **Harbhajan Gakhhal**.

Lubomski and **Van Grimbergen** received the grateful acknowledgment and appreciation of CTA Engineering and Maintenance chiefs for providing the Authority with a rapid transit vehicle truck analyzer which they designed and built.

Bus servicer **Peter King** was honored on A Day in CTA after he

turned in a briefcase which he found while servicing a bus at the garage. The briefcase, which was later claimed by a representative of the First National Bank of Chicago, contained accounting records, sealed envelopes and a negotiable check for a large sum of money.

Meanwhile, **Carlo Cinquepalmi** received CTA's kudos for charging a runaway bus, jumping into the front seat and gaining control, although not before the vehicle struck a bumper pole and caused Cinquepalmi to be injured.

Harbhajan Gakhhal was commended by an Elk Grove resident who said the Forest Glen garage foreman volunteered two hours of his time to assist her in getting her car started after it overheated along Route 53 late one evening.

"How-to" card explains self examination

This year, 123,000 American women will learn they have breast cancer, one in 10 will be under the age of 40, and about one in 30 will die, according to new projections by the American Cancer Society.

Despite the bleak forecast, the director of a volunteer cancer education group in Albany, Oregon says it is possible to reduce those estimates.

"Breast self-examination for cancer is now easier to do and remember with a how-to card to hang on the shower head or other easily accessible location," according to Greg Gourley of

the Cancer Information Network.

"The card," Gourley says, "is like a 'soap-on-a-rope' that hangs in the shower where women should begin their self-exam."

Since last December, Gourley has distributed nearly 1000 self-exam cards and already three cases of breast cancer have been found by women who followed the card's simple instructions.

"I know the card is helpful," Gourley emphasizes, "because of the interest and response I've received from not only women but from con-

cerned husbands as well. Learning how to examine your breasts properly can help save your life since 90 per cent of all breast cancers are controllable if detected early."

The waterproof card, complete with plastic cord, describes and illustrates a 4-step procedure for monthly breast examinations, all of which can be done in the privacy of the bathroom.

Exam cards are available from the Cancer Information Network and cost \$3 each. Write to P.O. Box 1885, Albany, Oregon 97321.

Atsia Fair [77th Street garage] was called "the nicest, most courteous, most helpful CTA driver I have ever encountered" by Gilbert Belles, of Macomb, who rode her No. 1 Indiana/Hyde Park bus from Michigan and Balbo to 57th Street. "During our ride, she extended herself to every passenger in the most humane and caring manner that left a lasting impression. It did not matter if the conversations were bus or route related. She spoke to passengers as important and significant individuals. In addition, she was an excellent and superb driver."



Joseph Smoot [North Park garage] is considered "a wonderful, conscientious, competent driver" by Scott Warner, of Marine Drive, who was a rider on his No. 136 Sheridan/LaSalle Express bus. "I boarded and sat in the back seat. After a few blocks, he stopped the bus, walked to the back, and asked if we were all right—if there were fumes bothering us. There weren't, and he drove on. Near a three-car accident, he pulled the bus close and called out to see if there were any injuries, and if they needed an ambulance. When we reached LaSalle, he saw someone running for the bus and waited for him."

Pamela Ellis [West Section] was the conductor on a Douglas-Milwaukee train that Rita Ordzowialy rode downtown regularly from Cicero. "She helps make that ride a pleasant experience. She greets passengers at every station with a 'Good morning.' She also announces the time of day. At the downtown stops she always says 'Have a good day—thank you for riding CTA.' No matter what the weather, if you are on her train, the day starts a little bit brighter. You simply cannot stay in a dumpy mood when she is so cheerful. I don't think I have ever run into a rude or unpleasant CTA employee on this run."

Willie Taylor [Lawndale garage] was complimented by Mrs. J. Guido, of North Kedvale Avenue, for the way he took care of his riders on a No. 53 Pulaski bus during a heavy rainstorm. "We got stuck by the viaduct at Belden. With orders to change streets, he turned the bus around and headed back, kindly telling people heading the other way that there would be no bus coming. He said, 'I'm sorry for the inconvenience, but I will get my people where they are going.' He put the bus where people could get on without wading through water, and waited for the people to get to him. He was about the nicest person I met all that day."



John Brown [Kedzie garage] was appreciated by Barbara Cooper, of North Mozart Street, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 65 Grand bus. "The gracious service rendered by this operator is the best such experience I have had in recent memory. He is so polite and nice to every single soul who boards his bus. Anyone who asks for directions receives prompt, courteous information. He makes all his passengers very comfortable. Everyone likes him, and most of the regulars like me sit near the front of the bus where we can witness his good deeds. I sincerely appreciate him and the Chicago Transit Authority."

Johnnie Gomilla [Archer garage] was praised by William Janesik, of South Richmond Street, for his performance as operator of a No. 53A South Pulaski bus. "He is very polite and accommodating. He gives information to senior citizens who are confused and uninformed about the CTA. He is always smiling, and makes everyone feel a little better than they did when they got on the bus. I ride with him several times a week and watch the way he drives and acts. He always tries to get close to the curb so that the seniors don't have a long step getting off the bus. I am a happy bus rider when he is driving."

Daniel Martin [Forest Glen garage] caught the attention of James Wilke, of North Wolcott Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 56 Milwaukee bus. "An older woman with a cane got on rather slowly, but your driver waited patiently and offered assistance to the woman in getting aboard, which she declined. As your driver pulled over to let passengers off and on at Canal near the train station, this older woman got up to get off the bus. Your driver got up and picked up the lady's suitcase, and helped her off the bus. This is the first time I have seen this kind of help given to a passenger. This driver deserves recognition."

Leon Gary [69th Street garage] won the approval of Marie McCoy, of Vernon Avenue, for his handling of a 71st Street bus. "I have been riding this route with this operator for 10 months. He needs to be praised for a job well done. He has never raised his voice or yelled at a passenger, even if that person is yelling and swearing at him. At all times, he has a smile on his face, or a kind word, saying 'Good morning' or 'Be careful.' He is a considerate driver, very courteous to the elderly as well as to others."



Graffiti taggers nabbed, thanks to employees

Armando Afanador, of the CTA Community Affairs staff, caught three youths who were defacing trains and turned them over to police.

Afanador, who was waiting for a southbound train at the Montrose station on his way to work, saw the trio jump to the tracks from a northbound train in the station and begin applying black spray paint to the side wall of the train's second car.

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Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Byron Acker, North Park
Paul Alexander, Jr., 69th Street
Emma Allen, 77th Street

Leeline Ball, 77th Street
Effrem Banks, North Avenue
James Barnes, North Park
Vernon Barney, Limits
Carmen Betances, North Park
Betty Blackmon, West Section
Bobby Brown, North Park
John Brugges, Limits
Joseph Burch, Douglas/Congress
James Butler, Jr., Bus District 'C'

Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Garry Causey, Forest Glen
Jacqueline Chambers, North Park
Joseph Chocolate, Forest Glen
Thomas Christian, Bus District 'D'
Kendall Clark, 77th Street
Denise Cochran, Howard/Kimball
Javier Cortez, Jefferson Park
Eben Credit, South Section
Brenda Curtindolph, Jefferson Park

David Danku, Archer
Earmon Davis, Limits
Joseph DiBiase, Howard/Kimball
Johnny Dickerson, North Park
Robert Doeden, Limits
Mercelo Drolra, Forest Glen

Rosette Ewing, Howard/Kimball

Edward Farmer, 77th Street
Nathan Fitzpatrick, North Park
Willie Flowers, North Park

Leon Gee, Howard/Kimball
Mary Gerrity, Forest Glen
Peter Gordon, Kedzie
John Gorski, Limits
Edward Grant, Howard/Kimball
Latimore Graves, Jr., Archer
Joe Griffith, Beverly
Lorenzo Gunn, Jr., Forest Glen
Reginald Guy, 77th Street

Sarah Hall, Limits
Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Charmaine Harrington, North Avenue
John Harris, Archer
Johnnie Hart, 77th Street
Alfred Hawkins, Limits
Ellie Head, 69th Street
Charles Henderson, 77th Street
Cecilio Hernandez, Forest Glen
Shirley Hobbs, Jr., North Park
Randolph Hodges, Ashland, 61st, 95th
John Hopkins, 77th Street

Ricca James, North Section
Darryl Jenkins, 77th Street
Curtis Johnson, 77th Street

Bahram Khavari, North Park
Daniel Klotz, North Section
Robert Kremer, North Park
Joseph Kucera, Forest Glen

Anthony Lag, Limits
Phil Lancelin, Forest Park
Joseph Lawrence, Jr., 69th Street
Jose Leanos, Beverly
Neal Lesley, Archer
Irving Lewis, 69th Street
David Lewis, North Park

Idrees Mahmud, Limits
Jesse Marshall, Jr., North Park
Julius Martin, 77th Street
Reginald Mason, 77th Street
Gladys McPherson, North Park
Vivian Menendez, Forest Glen
Mitchell Miarnowski, Forest Glen
Edward Moore, North Avenue
Robert Moreno, Forest Glen
Robert Moskovitz, North Park

Joe Nash, North Park
Larry Neal, Archer

Mitsuo Ogata, Forest Glen

Frederick Pepke, Limits
George Pounds, Bus District 'A'

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Samuel Ramos, Forest Glen
Annie Rice, Limits
Gloria Richmond, Archer
Ramon Rincon, Howard/Kimball
Anthony Rivera, North Park
Jose Rodriguez, Forest Glen
Silvia Rodriguez, Forest Glen
Narciso Ruiz, Jr., 77th Street

Levester Sago, 77th Street
Maria Salazar, Forest Glen
Betty Samuel, 77th Street
Gary Santini, Forest Glen
William Seals, Archer
Javious Seymore, Kedzie
Barry Smith, North Park
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Alfred Smith, Jefferson Park
Jeffrey Smith, Jefferson Park
Mellowneice Springfield, 69th Street

Frank Staszak, Beverly
Ronald Stefinsky, North Park
Evelyn Stofer, West Section
Aytautas Stukelis, Archer
Willie Mae Surles, 77th Street

Cleveland Taylor, 77th Street
Darlene Thomas, 77th Street
Rogers Thomas, Kedzie
Patricia Thomas, Kedzie
Robert Thomas, North Park
Curtis Thompson, Jr., 77th Street

Ricael Velez, Forest Glen

Eloise Walker, 77th Street
Aveon Wallace, 69th Street
Vickie Williams, 77th Street
Eula Williams, 69th Street
Lowell Wilson, Beverly
Dorothy Wilson, West Section
Stanley Wright, North Park

Linda Yates, Howard/Kimball
Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen
Rudolph Young, North Park

Anthony Zenner, North Park

ROUND HOUSE 18



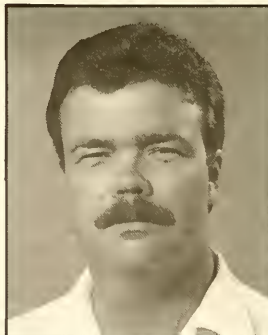
Ward, Larkins winners in rail competition

O'Hare motorman **James Ward** and Howard conductor **Joel Larkins** were first place winners in the 1987 Third Rail RoundUp competition. The pair were recipients of the first place plaque and a five-day all expenses paid trip to San Francisco.

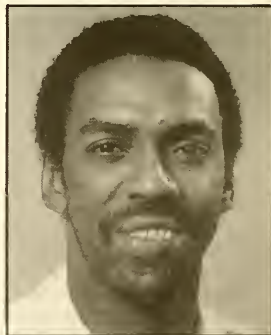
Placing second in the competition were motorman **Leon Hegwood**, Howard terminal, and conductor **Richard Corbett**, Kimball terminal. Hegwood was the 1985 Third Rail RoundUp champion motorman. As first runners up, the second place team members will each receive a \$500 savings bond along with their plaques.

Third Rail RoundUp chairman **James Zepp** said members of the Round House 18 will each receive belt buckles, dinner theater tickets for two, and jackets. Eligible applicants also received a cap, shirt and special certificates of participation, Zepp said.

1st PLACE TEAM



James Ward
O'Hare Terminal



Joel Larkins
Howard Terminal



Awards Banquet honors winners

The 1987 annual awards banquet at Holiday Inn Mart Plaza closed out another year of employee performance competition in CTA's annual Bus Rodeo, Ticket Agent TieUp, and the Third Rail RoundUp. Receiving plaques and prizes for their achievements were [from left] Joel Larkins, Third Rail RoundUp champion conductor; **Robert Richardson**, Bus Rodeo champion; **Linda Woods**, winner of the Ticket Agent TieUp contest, and **James Ward**, the Third Rail RoundUp's top motorman.



Wilbert Matthews
Howard Terminal



Robert Sanders
Howard Terminal



Dorothy Bester
95th Street Terminal



Robert Armstrong
Harlem Terminal

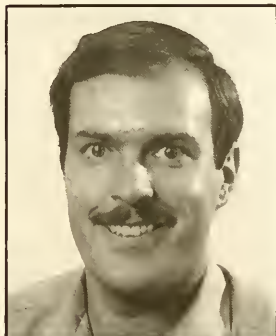


Gideon Stevens
61st Street Terminal

2nd PLACE TEAM



Leon Hegwood
Howard Terminal



Richard Corbett
Kimball Terminal



Richard Crane
Douglas Terminal



John Rigoni
O'Hare Terminal



Willie Done
Kimball Terminal



Doris West
Harlem Terminal



Richard Sims
Kimball Terminal



Jureta Shields
Kimball Terminal



Levi Wardell
Kimball Terminal



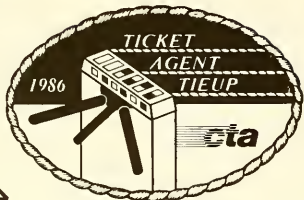
Walter Golden
Kimball Terminal



Warren Lattimore
Ashland Terminal

Top Notch

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Phyllis Phillips
Ashland Terminal



Doritha Davis
Howard Terminal



James Crockett
O'Hare Terminal



1

st PLACE



Linda Woods
Howard Terminal

2

nd PLACE



Louis Hill
Douglas Terminal

3

rd PLACE



Darnell Wright
Ashland Terminal

Howard street ticket agent **Linda Woods** compiled 672 of the possible 812 points to beat nine other finalists in the 1987 Ticket Agent TieUp competition. The 17-year CTA employee has been a finalist in each ticket agent contest since its 1984 inception.

Ms. Woods who was first runner-up last year to three-time champion **Bryant Alexander**, visited the APTA convention in San Francisco for a week, along with a guest. All expenses were borne by CTA. The new Ticket

Agent TieUp champion also received an individual championship trophy while Howard terminal received the chairman's trophy which will be on display at the terminal for one year.

Second place honors went to **Louis Hill** of 54th street, another Top Notch Ten veteran finalist. Hill received an individual trophy and a \$500 savings bond, while third place winner **Darnell Wright** of Ashland avenue received a trophy and a \$200 savings bond.



West Rudolph
Ashland Terminal



Ossie Graham
Kimball Terminal



Yvonne Davis
95th Street Terminal



Mary Parish
Douglas Terminal

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CTA 40 YEARS SOUVENIR POSTER

This souvenir poster honoring CTA's 40th Anniversary was designed by **Alexandra Eiva**, graphic designer in the Training Development Section of the Operations Training/Instruction Department.

A limited quantity of these 18" x 24" posters, printed in five colors on ivory-colored semi-gloss poster stock, may be purchased for \$3 each (cash or check made payable to "Chicago Transit Authority") at the Publications Section, Room 730, Merchandise Mart. Purchases may be made **in person only** between the hours of **8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.**



Chicago's "Loop" gets its name from a cable car turn-around built in 1884. The last cable car ran in 1906.



Double deck buses operated over boulevards until 1950.



Green Hornet streetcar - fast and roomy - ran until June 2, 1954.

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One CTA innovation was trains running in expressway medians



Award-winning O'Hare station opened in 1984

New bus route links Loop, McCormick Place

CTA's recently-inaugurated McCormick Place-NorthWestern Station [No. 127] bus route provides a convenient service for NorthWestern railroad commuters en route to work, or an evening of entertainment.

The new bus route originates at the NorthWestern Station from 6:33 to 9:43 a.m. The routing is east on Washington street to Michigan avenue, then south to Balbo drive. Once on Balbo, buses continue south on Columbus drive to 23rd street and McCormick Place East. Boarding is possible all along Washington and Michigan.

In the late afternoon, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., buses originate at McCormick Place East and head north on Lake Shore drive to Balbo. From Balbo, buses continue north onto Michigan, turning west on Madison street. The last stop is at Canal street for the NorthWestern Station.

In both directions, buses make stops for the Dearborn and State street sub-



Representatives of CTA, the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, and Chicago's tourism industry celebrate the first run of the #127 bus route beginning at Union Station.

way stations and for the Loop 'L' service. Trains in the Dearborn subway serve O'Hare International airport.

During public shows and special events at McCormick Place, service will begin an hour and a half before the show begins, operating at 20-minute

intervals until doors close. For special shows at the Arnie Crown Theater, bus service will begin one hour before curtain, with the last bus leaving at curtain time. For the return trip, buses will be stationed outside the theater at the end of the show.



Cub fan Alice Dungan [front row center] thought she was in Heaven at Randy Hundley's Baseball Fantasy Camp in Chicago. She is shown with some of her favorite people. Standing are [from left] Hank Aguirre, Larry Bittner, Jim Hickman, Rich Nye, Randy Hundley, and Ferguson Jenkins. Seated are [from left] Jose Cardenal, Carmen Fanzone, Dungan, Bob Will, and Ron Santo.

The next best thing to being in Heaven for a diehard Chicago Cub fan is to be a Chicago Cub. If you can't really be a Cub, perhaps being a Cub for a long weekend at ex-Cub catcher Randy Hundley's Baseball Fantasy Camp in Chicago will suffice.

Well, **Alice Dungan**, a confidential office assistant in Equipment Engineering, felt like she had died and gone to Heaven. She got a chance to go to Hundley's camp recently and rub shoulders at the ole Wrigley ball yard with the likes of such baseball saints as Hank Aguirre, Larry Bittner, Jim Hickman, Rich Nye, Fergie Jenkins, Jose Cardenal, Ron Santo, Carmen Fanzone, Hundley, and a few other of her favorite Cubbie ghosts of the past.

Did it bother Dungan that she was the only woman there?—not in the least, and it sure didn't bother the guys.

Cubs fantasy camp next best thing to Heaven

They're just average folk like the fans who work out and play against them, but they are still idolized in spite of having been slowed down over the years by age and girth.

As a Cub fan, Dungan had as much moxie as anyone who wanted to be on a baseball diamond in a Cub uniform. The former Gregory high school softball player took her position in the outfield and her turn at the bat against pitcher Ferguson Arthur [Fergie] Jenkins, who in his hey day had six consecutive 20-win seasons, from 1967 to 1972.

The three-day fantasy camp trip ended with a game where Dungan got to really show her stuff. She got sore hands from batting, and even broke her nails, but it was worth it for a grown up lady baseball kid hobnobbing among all those former Chicago Cub greats on the Wrigley Field turf.

Operations names four to new jobs

Paul Kadowaki was recently appointed manager, Operations Training/Instruction. A CTA employee for more than 29 years, Kadowaki moved through the ranks from bus operator to bus service supervisor, instructor, and superintendent of instruction. He was named director of instruction in 1984.

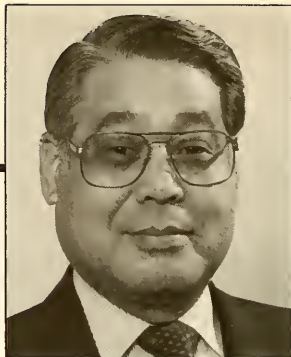
In 1983, Kadowaki was called upon to serve as a member of the Accident Safety Panel Review Board for San Francisco's Municipal Railroad [Muni]. Three years later he was named to a similar panel for the Southern California Rapid Transit District in Los Angeles.

The new manager of Operations Training/Instruction attended Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, and the Moody Bible Institute. He was also a participant in the Northeastern University Advanced Urban Mass Transportation Management Seminar at Boston.

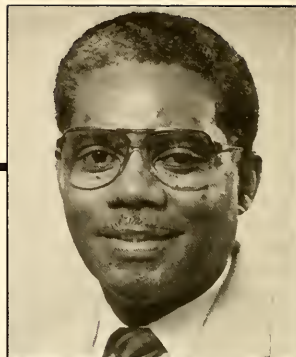
He and his wife of 30 years, Mrs. Lois Kadowaki, reside in the Edgewater community, and are the parents of a son and daughter. Active in civic affairs, Kadowaki serves as a vice president of the Japanese-American Service committee. He is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church where he serves on the usher board, and is a former member of the board of elders.

Other appointments in the Operations Division included **Isaac Beal**, who was named director, Special Services, reporting to the manager, Operations Administrative Services.

Beal, formerly area superintendent, bus-North, has been a CTA employee for 28 years and has served in management positions in both rail and bus service.



Paul Kadowaki



James Payne



Isaac Beal



Alton Williams

Named superintendent, Analysis and Control, reporting to Beal was **James Payne**, formerly superintendent at 77th, 69th and Washington garages. **Alton Williams**, former assistant superintendent for Bus Personnel, North, was named superintendent, Customer Relations for Special Services.

Beal said the appointments by Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**

were made because of the sensitivity to the needs of the disabled community.

Other Operations Division appointments announced were: **Kevin Smith**, superintendent I, Transportation Rail Personnel North; **Joseph Gonzalez**, superintendent I, Transportation Service; **Luster Morton**, superintendent I, Transportation Bus Personnel North.

Graffiti taggers

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"Hey! Stop!" Afanador shouted. The trio paused, made obscene gestures at him, and continued. Angered, Afanador jumped from the platform, grabbed two of the three

after they threw a spray can down to the street, and ordered them to the southbound platform. Waiting riders held them while Afanador summoned police, and the two were taken into custody. The third offender fled by climbing down the structure to the street.

"I was surprised when everyone cheered," remarked Afanador. "There

must have been about 40 people there. When the police arrested the pair, one policeman said 'Oh, you two again?' to the vandals."

Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA Executive Director, commended Afanador for his quick actions. He urged riders who see graffiti vandals in action to inform ticket agents who can summon police quickly.

Facilities awards promotions

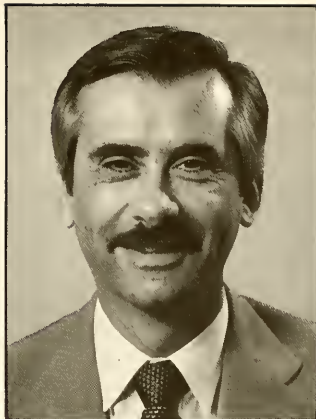
Roy Smith was appointed director, Power and Way Maintenance, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance.

He joined CTA in February 1964 as a graduate trainee and was assigned to the Engineering department as a design draftsman following an 18-month training program.

Smith is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is also a member of the American Public Transportation Association [APTA] Track Construction and Maintenance Sub-committee, and the Transportation Research Board Task Force on Rail Transit System Design.

The new Power and Way Maintenance director is a graduate of Lane Technical high school, and the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned his degree in civil engineering. Smith and his wife, Mary Ann [nee Calpin], a former secretary in the Engineering department, reside in Hillside with their three teenage sons.

William F. Jones was named director, Rail Janitor Service. Jones, who started his CTA career in May 1951 as a surface line conductor assigned to the old 77th street car barn, transferred to the rapid transit system as an extra trainman, where he remained until 1971 when he was assigned as an Operations Planning analyst.



Gordon Brady, Jr.



William F. Jones

In 1974, Jones transferred to Rail Janitor Service as a unit supervisor. He is a resident of Dolton.

Appointed director of Buildings and Grounds Maintenance, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, was 17-year CTA veteran **Gordon Brady, Jr.**, formerly supervisor, Electrical and Mechanical Maintenance.

Newly-appointed Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department personnel reporting to the director, Construction/Maintenance Support Services, are **William Wong**, superintendent, Support Services, and **Robert Stavinga**, supervisor, Special Construction Projects. **Edwin Marzec** was named supervisor, Supply Control, reporting to Wong.



Roy Smith

Tuition program helps eight earn degrees

Eight CTA employees who returned to school as part-time students with assistance from the Employee Tuition Reimbursement program have been awarded diplomas.

The graduates are: **James A. Blanchard**, Capital Development, MBA, University of Chicago; **John H. Booker**, Operations [Kedzie], Northeastern Illinois University, B.S., psychology; **Anthony T. Crump-**

ton, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, [Limits], DePaul University, B.S., management; **Cesar Del Aguila**, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance [Limits], Northeastern University, B.S., marketing.

Others receiving diplomas were: **Tessa Gaines**, Operations Communications and Power Control, Chicago State University, M.A., education; **Wendy Jackson**, Opera-

tions Administrative Services, Roosevelt University, B.S., computer science; **Donald Turner**, Management Information Systems [440 N. Wells], Computer Learning Center, certificate; and **David Wilson**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, Illinois Institute of Technology, B.S., electrical engineering.

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

North Park

Five pounds, nine ounces was the grand total for operator **Bob Diuger's** newborn son, **William**, born on May 24, 1987. William's mom, **Tomoko**, just might get Bob to submit their son's picture for a later issue this year or by the time little William is learning to write on the walls with his crayons, whichever comes first ... Oh well, no such problems with the Dzyacky family. Operators **Daniel** and **Nilda Dzyacky** may now save this particular issue of *Transit News* with the appropriate silver frame now that we can see the photo of their daughter,



Celina Marie, whose birth we mentioned in an earlier "Inside News" ... Ask **Manuel Ramirez** if working a run on Clark street wasn't just the right kind of training he needed. He spent three weeks of vacation time with his family driving and camping out way up in the Wisconsin Dells area this past summer. Seeing as they had their "pop up" trailer hooked up to the car, we'll assume that wife **Carmen** and daughters **Maria** and **Iris** were all giving the right directions, when he was trying to back up into their campsite among all of those lovely trees ...

Sniff, sniff! Ah, yes, if you attended the garage picnic held at nearby River Park on Saturday, August 1, you definitely had the talents of master chef **Martin Johnson**, his trusty assistant chef **Joe Jackson**, and other well meaning souls to thank. The weather was just like the previous years, p-u-r-r-fect, and, again, Chef Johnson was already at his post bright and early at 6 a.m. We say other well meaning souls because some of our junior operators/chefs definitely need to watch the size of their inferno when they incinerate a helpless hot dog assortment ... Speaking of food, we can imagine how many meals were consumed when **Thomas Parker**, along with his wife **Eleanor** and their two sons **Kevin** and **Kenneth**, traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend a family reunion at the Hyatt Regency that numbered well over a hundred relatives ... **Alice Richman** may have thought it was the Lone Ranger who came galloping to her aid asking "may I help you?" when she fell recently, but, alas, it was just our trusty election commissioner **Leonard Lloyd**. Hope you're better by the time you read this Ms. Richman, and a tip of the white hat to you kemo-sabe Lloyd! ... Some names of our newest students to be operators for the next 25 years are: **Bobby Medina**, **Floyd Skinner**, **Craig Rogers**, **Juan Lopez**, **Kevin Houseworth**, **John Vasquez**, **Tommy Rice**, **Lester Williams**, **Cedric Hopson**, **Gregory Davis**, **Nabil Al-Sakhira**, **Maurice Ervin**, **Alberta Atwood**, **Adrienne Butts** and **Annie Washington** ... Steering one of

Retirements SEPTEMBER

Ruth A. Anderson, Limits, 12 yrs
Joseph H. Campbell, 98th Shop, 18 yrs.
Monroe A. Jackson, 77th Street, 30 yrs.
Johnnie L. Love, Rail Janitors, 30 yrs.
Chester Majerowicz, West Shops, 37 yrs.
John C. Miller, West Shops, 36 yrs.
William J. Oliver, District 'A', 26 yrs.
Yvonne Zajac, Financial Services, 18 yrs.

Disabilities

Jacquelyn Baldwin, Lawndale, 12 yrs.
Jesse L. Barker, Control Center, 21 yrs.
Melvin L. Dardy, West Section, 24 yrs.
Randall J. Dunaj, South Shops, 13 yrs.
Amos Pearson, Limits, 12 yrs.
Matthew Torrence, Beverly, 10 yrs.

OCTOBER

Junius W. Blaino, Kimball, 28 yrs.
Albert L. Godbold, West Shops, 13 yrs.
Harry A. Harrigan, O'Hare, 26 yrs.
Arthur C. Loman, 95th Street, 36 yrs.
* **Dennis N. McFadden**, Financial Services, 25 yrs.
Van C. Penn, Jr., Forest Glen, 34 yrs.
Hortensia Rodriguez, Materials Management, 14 yrs.
* **Anthony J. Scardina**, Financial Services, 28 yrs.
James L. Short, Archer, 35 yrs.
Dorris Wilson, Schedules, 25 yrs.

Disabilities

John W. Crayton, Forest Park, 17 yrs.
David M. Keske, Forest Glen, 18 yrs.

*Retroactive to 8-01-87



Forest Glen operators **Richard** and **Lourdes Frey** are the proud parents of a son, **Jonathon**, born August 3 at St. Joseph's hospital. **Jonathon**, who weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long, has definitely been a bundle of joy for the Frey family.

CTA's articulated buses through the coming winter weather should be a breeze for another of our recent new operators. **Nora Pryor** drove a familiar yellow school bus for two years before joining us here at North Park ... Now, now, don't blush, **Mr. G.** What can we say but "Welcome to North Park" to one of the best liked bosses in the system, Assistant Superintendent **Don Gilligan** ... And how would you like to be on vacation putt-putting along the highway, and while you're in California your car's transmission goes bonk?! Just part of life you say? Now imagine the same vacation and your name is **Tony Zenner** and wife, **Kim**, is alongside, and you're now putt-putting through ole Mexico and bonk number two, another transmission bites the dust!! Better try the train next time, Tony, anything but a car ... We can only say how sorry we are, **Dorothy Smith**, upon the loss of your mother **Rebekah**; Supervisor **David Benson** on the passing of your father, former North Park Operator and Supervisor **Robert Benson**; former North Park Superintendent **Jack Hester**, and also former North Park Operator **Bert Schwartz**, who was assigned to Forest Glen at the time of his passing ... There should be plenty of opportunities for mischief now that we've learned that Evanston Operator **Leo Stern** is going to have a retirement party commemorating his nearly 30 years service behind the wheel. Helping to organize this fete are **Joe Zukerman**, **John Weber** and credit union member **Jerry Budzisz**. Don't forget to get a photo of the star celebrant, will you, Joe? ... Minor shopping news bulletin! **Pearl Atkins** missed a weekend and did not go shopping! WOW! ... Former North



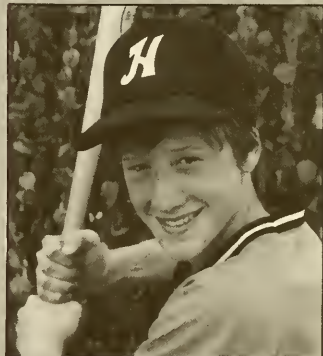
Park Operator **Eddie Mollinedo** who transferred to Limits garage on the last

system pick, worked his last day for CTA on a Broadway run August 22, 1987. Eddie, his wife **Ana Maria**, son **Victor**, and daughter **Claudia**, have decided to make one of those big long distance moves. They returned to Guatemala so they can enjoy the family life they have worked and earned, while also getting back to the ministry Eddie has long sought ... Box Puller **Ronnie Hodges** and his wife, **Yvonne**, will be going by car to visit Ron's sister, **Evelyn Jackson**, while he's on vacation. Perhaps, while they're motoring in Memphis, Tennessee and Tupelo, Mississippi, he'll have the time to give her the finer points of steering because Yvonne, as of today, has not learned to drive a car ... Anyone else remember when the station superintendent here at North Park was **Charlie Kerr**? Lunt Operator **John Winkler** says that's who was the boss when John started driving a bus way back on the fourth day of October, 1962 ... Info overheard at the September union meeting: Instructor **Ellice Garner** [Aries], currently at 77th garage, was CTA's first female supervisor and instructor. Husband **Anthony** [Aries] better not forget his anniversary date of December 9, or there will be some real stars!! ... Didja know that Instructor **Jenipher Finger**, now at the Training Center, was the first female executive board member of Local 241? ... The coach is back! **Robert Cook** is back on the job and is letting it be known that the "B's" football team is practicing and getting ready to roll over whatever happens to be in the way when the game time commences ... Either the horse is missing from this picture, or else we're seeing "cowboy"



Joe Cobb ready to draw on our gentleman farmer **Al Hiner** here at

the local corral. Al mentions again that all are welcome to come on out to his little house on the prairie. Bring the family for a day of horseback riding and a chance to "walk where the brave fear to tread." That ain't the cow pasture, is it, Al? ... North Park SLR camera member **Vicki Nesbit** should have some news to report and/or some memorable vacation pictures, now that she's going to fly off to Northern California and spend a week trying not to act like a tourist. And, no, they do not make reservations for Fantasy Island if you visit Alcatraz Island first, Vicki ... Morning Schedule Supervisor **Roy Ripka** must know what to say to the members of the little league team that he's been managing as third base coach. Roy has made it two years now and boasts of a very impressive team record of 21 wins, 2 losses, and a tie.



Roy's son, **John**, 14, is a member of the Pirates team, and will be entering Lane Tech high school. He hopes to make the school's freshman team, which shouldn't be too difficult if the old saying "like father, like son" holds true ... Closing thought for today: **Joe Conwell** can tune your piano, because he learned it by a lot of patience and practice. It also helps that one day, while Joe was in the act of transporting a piano he had recently bought, somehow someone forgot to do something until their truck made a turn, and a - w - a - y sailed the piano onto the street. Smile.

Mike Flores

INSIDE NEWS

General Office

Internal Audit's **John Foy**, his daughter, **Donna**, and Law Department's **Jack Richards** are still talking about the wonderful time they had in the Orient this spring. This was John's second visit since his army days. The three visited Seoul, Korea; Hong Kong; Kowloon; Nogaya, and the New Territories to the Border of the People's Republic of China. John brought home some beautiful artifacts as well as lasting memories from his trip. "I had forgotten how beautiful the cherry blossoms were." He says he's going back, hopefully some day soon. Seeing John's pictures makes you wish you were there with them ... "Okay, now that we're all seated, let me tell you a little bit about myself. My



name is **Theodora Lynn Tzinares**. I was born at McNeal hospital in Berwyn on March 3, 1987, weighing in at a whopping 8 pounds 6 ounces! My grandma, **Joyce Petrich** of Internal Audit, is very proud of me. She says I can walk and talk and chew nails already! That's not true--give me another three months." ... Get well foot wishes go to Internal Audit's **Cecil Bogan**'s lovely wife, **Marian**, who recently had foot surgery. Hopefully she'll be back walking to work very soon ... Look out world!



Edward Francis Podlasek is on the scene. He is the son of **Frank** and **Rosemarie Ritrovato Podlasek**,



Car repairer Tom Togher of Harlem Shop (left) reminisces with Skokie Shop Rail Superintendent Richard Lorimer as Togher prepares to retire after a 37-year CTA career. Below: helping themselves to the food at Togher's retirement open house are retirees Louis Reyes (left) and Frank Ciappetta.



Retiree Adam Florito and his lovely wife, Violet, just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 7, 1987, at the Golden Flame Restaurant. Their three children, one of whom is Jim Florito of Capital Development, hosted the memorable affair. Adam retired in 1977 from Lawndale/TABEC Training Center. Congratulations to Adam and Violet and we hope they have many, many more.



and was born June 12 at Columbus hospital weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Mrs. Podlasek, his very proud mother, is CTA Treasury's paymaster coordinator, and his father, Frank, is an electrician who is employed by a Berwyn firm. Others glowing about the

new family addition are grandfather, **Joseph Ritrovato Sr.**, retired from Lawndale Maintenance; uncles **Tony Ritrovato** of Claims and **Joseph Ritrovato Jr.** of Schedules, and aunt, **Rita Ritrovato** of Field Review.

Joyce Petrich

Harlem Shop

Harlem Shop employees reported some interesting vacations enjoyed over the summer. Veteran repairer **Joe Szoldaitis** and his wife, **Agi**, spent three weeks in Budapest, Hungary, while the **Wilson Mollifuledda** family spent two weeks in sunny Puerto Rico. **Norm** and **Barbara Hunt** were in San Diego for two weeks, and **Joey Nicosia** and his wife were in Las Vegas for a week. The **McGuinnesses** visited Memphis

in August during the 10th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley. Others sharing their vacation experiences included **Charlie Tucknott** and family who spent two weeks in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, and the **Kincaid** family toasted the Irish Fest in Milwaukee, while **Tom** and **Nancy Warchol** were in Plattville observing the Chicago Bears ... Harlem employees are wishing everybody a very happy holiday season and a warm winter.

Mike McGuiness

INSIDE NEWS

Service anniversaries in

September

45 Years

Stanley Janasek, Brake Shop
Rosemarie Kenny, Payroll Operations

40 Years

Ralph Brindise, Forest Glen
James Ward, Forest Glen

35 Years

Paul Alexander, Jr., 69th Street
Rudolph Dillon, North Rail District
David Shepherd, Ashland, 61st, 95th

30 Years

Ulysses Buck, Beverly
Robert Clemons, North Avenue
Dewitt Coleman, Archer
Lenard Gilbert, Jr., Central Bus Dist.
Charles Hicks, Forest Glen
Thomas Hughes, Rail Service
Tom Lenoir, Kedzie
David Maiden, Unit Rebuild
Henry Mosley, Utility
Donald Pruitt, Kedzie
Gene Ross, 69th Street
Mitchell Thornton, Jr., Utility
Joe Trotter, 77th Street
Virgil Tyler, 69th Street
Archibald Valentine, North Avenue

25 Years

Ronald Benschish, Eng./Mct Safety
Gerald Blair, Mgmt. Info. Syst.
Bobby Bradley, 77th Street
Robert Braxton, 77th Street
Simeon Daigle Jr., Bus Inst.
Jerald Denham, Schedules
Dennis Dougherty, Archer Maint.
Chester Gavin, West Section
Robert James, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Roy Jenkins, Jr., North Avenue
William Jones, 69th Street
Lorraine McEvilly, Insurance
Patrick Mulcahey, Support Serv. Bus
Gerald Poces, Stores South
George Seymour, 77th Street

October

40 Years

Joseph Marszalek, Const. Compliance
Robert Tausch, Escalator Maint.

35 Years

Havard Blanks, North Avenue
Evel Bunton, Rail Janitors
Leo Smith, Support Serv. Bus

30 Years

DeWayne Allen, Bus Dist. 'A'
William Barrow, Archer
Dennis Coleman, Jr., Schedules
Archie Davis, 69th Street
David Ford, Archer
Edward Pruitt, Converter & Diff.
David Semmes, Beverly
John Singleton, Jr., 69th Street
L.C. Smith, Rail Janitors
George Stephens, Jr., 77th Street
O.D. Stewart, Rail Janitors
Joe Weatherspoon, Gen. Maint.

25 Years

Walter Anderson, Gen. Maint.
Charles Barr, Kedzie
Kench Borum, 77th Street
Robert Bratek, Mgmt. Info. Syst.
Willie Harmon, 77th Street
Leroy Kalata, Forest Glen
John Meehan, Wilson Maint.
Orville Murray, 77th Street
Bernard Perry, Jr., Rail Inst.
Walter Perry, South Section
Reimar Pielstrom, Operations Review
Fonzie Porties, Track & Roadway
Robert Riley, 77th Street
Lonis Robinson, Bus Dist. 'B'
Illa Roman, Medical
William Sheehy, Howard/Kimball
Charles Silas, Bus Dist. 'B'
Charles Smith, Archer
Leonard Stewart, Ashland, 61st, 95th
Richard Tesch, Stores, North
Alfred Thomas, Rail Service
Rodney Wafer, Rail Dist. West
Charles Williams, Signal Phone & Radio
John Winkler, North Park
Odell Ziegler, Forest Glen



Joan Fernandez, the daughter of North Park bus operator Jose Fernandez, was married Nov. 7 in Miami, Fla. to Guillermo Marenco, an attorney from Costa Rica.



CTA Customer Assistance coordinator Steve Hastalis was an enthusiastic skater on behalf of the Catholic Guild for the Blind's Sept. 26 walkathon. Skating along Jackson and Balbo drive and the plaza near Buckingham Fountain continuously for 10 miles, Hastalis raised \$350 for the organization. He is a Guild for the Blind volunteer, and president of the Chicago Chapter of the National Federation for the Blind. He joined CTA in 1975.



Annette Booker and her proud papa, George Booker, share a joyful moment at her wedding shower which was held in the Merchandise Mart M&M Club, and given by her fellow employees.

Operations

Congratulations to two guys named George--**George Clark** and **George Hand**--who were recently promoted to controller III. Candidates for the position must be qualified as bus, rail and power controllers. Both Georges began their CTA careers in 1965 ... Congratulations and best wishes are also extended to the newlyweds, bus controller **Charlene McFadden**, and her husband, **Robert Stanley Evans**, who is assigned to the Navy's USS George Phillip based in Long Beach, Calif., and **Annette Booker** of CTA Personnel Administration, and her husband, **Tyrone Allen** of the 7 Up Bottling company. Annette is the daughter of rail controller, and proud papa, **George Booker**. Charlene and Robert were married in Chicago on Aug. 15. Giving the bride away was her brother, **Vernon McFadden**, who is also a member of the U.S. Navy. The ceremony was performed by the bride's cousin, the Rev. **Andre Allen**. Annette and Tyrone were married Sept. 12 at St. Dorothy's Catholic church. The couple honeymooned in Orlando, Fla. Ms. Booker's friends gave her a wedding shower Sept. 9 which was held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club ... Our hats are also off to George Booker's wife, and Annette's mom, Mrs. **Theresa H.**

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

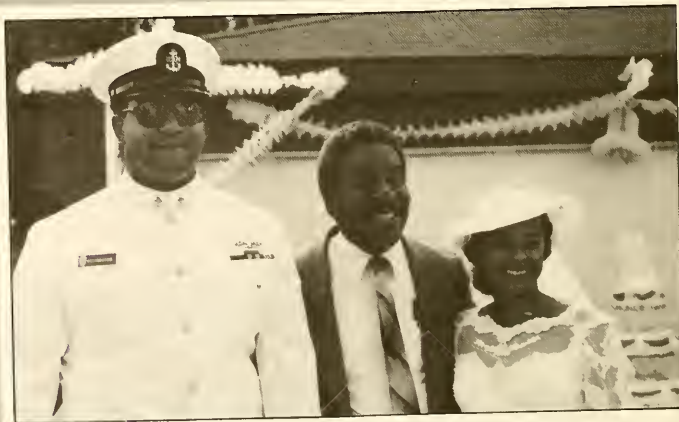
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Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, Transit News editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

Booker, who was recently named acting dean of Academic Development at Northeastern Illinois University. In her new position, Mrs. Booker is responsible for overseeing the university's special assistance programs for minority, disadvantaged and disabled students. She joined the faculty in 1977 as a professor of reading ... Recently named a brand coordinator

in 3M Company's Home Products Division was **LeDonna G. Bowling**, the daughter of CTA Treasury clerk **Marsha Spires**. Mrs. Bowling, who earned a bachelor of science degree in general management and marketing from Purdue University, joined the St. Paul, Minn. based organization in 1984 as a sales representative.

Carol Musto



Newlyweds Robert Stanley Evans and Charlene McFadden receive congratulations from Edward Mitchell, director, Technical Services/Program Support.

Police nab two more taggers

INSIDE
NEWS

In another tagging incident, **Kevin O'Tool**, a CTA summer employee, led police to two teenage boys who were defacing 'L' cars with graffiti on the Ravenswood line at 18th and Irving Park road.

O'Tool, the nephew of CTA painter **James Keegan**, and a University of Kansas sophomore, was working as a paint preparer at Irving Park road when he saw two youths defacing the 'L' cars. After he notified officers, a

fleet-footed detective chased and apprehended the two youths, ages 14 and 15, after witnessing them writing on the cars with marker pens.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert E. Adler, 62, West Section, Emp. 12-5-60, Died 7-14-87
Ira E. Ahlborn, 87, Transportation Emp. 6-13-24, Died 7-6-87
John R. Anderson, 74, North Section, Emp. 1-6-39, Died 7-23-87
Otto Anderson, 89, 69th Street, Emp. 11-23-25, Died 7-22-87
Calvert F. Ash, 83, North Avenue, Emp. 4-18-29, Died 8-9-87
Cecil M. Bell, 66, 77th Street, Emp. 2-9-61, Died 6-15-87
Martin A. Bogan, 80, South District, Emp. 9-10-42, Died 8-23-87
Abner M. Brown, 95, Lincoln, Emp. 9-14-18, Died 9-8-87
Russell G. Brown, 80, Kedzie, Emp. 4-14-42, Died 9-15-87
Arthur Buckendahl, 70, South Section, Emp. 6-23-48, Died 8-20-87
Bernice M. Condon, 85, Claims, Emp. 8-22-44, Died 8-8-87
Guy P. Columbo, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-4-31, Died 9-15-87
Patrick Cronin, 78, Limits, Emp. 5-14-29, Died 9-30-87
Louard C. Crumbaugh, 79, 52nd, Emp. 11-15-43, Died 8-26-87
Martin Devaney, 86, North Park, Emp. 4-21-43, Died 9-11-87
John T. Dillon, 86, West Section, Emp. 9-21-26, Died 7-20-87
Louis A. Dovichi, 61, North Avenue, Emp. 10-6-60, Died 8-4-87
Martin J. Dungan, 91, North Section, Emp. 8-30-23, Died 9-29-87
Sam Durso, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 5-23-41, Died 9-16-87
George Ebner, 87, Claims, Emp. 3-24-24, Died 8-29-87
Henry Ehlers, 106, Kedzie, Emp. 12-16-20, Died 7-2-87
Randall W. Ferrari, 75, North District, Emp. 12-6-45, Died 8-7-87
Joseph J. Florian, 88, Archer, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 9-9-87
Carl J. Frank, 87, Lake St., Emp. 3-13-18, Died 9-10-87
Charles E. Gaines, 59, 77th Street, Emp. 5-23-57, Died 9-9-87
Edward Gersch, 88, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 5-6-29, Died 8-29-87
William Gill, 74, West Section, Emp. 11-2-64, Died 9-21-87
Robert H. Graham, 53, 77th Street, Emp. 10-10-74, Died 8-2-87

John G. Hall, 77, North Park, Emp. 1-10-36, Died 9-2-87
Robert E. Hansen, 68, Limits, Emp. 5-2-42, Died 8-23-87
Margaret P. Hanson, 75, Purchasing, Emp. 2-10-47, Died 7-23-87
George Haralson, 39, North Park, Emp. 9-8-70, Died 7-20-87
John Hasselmeir, 89, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-13-34, Died 6-15-87
John J. Hester, Jr., 59, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-23-46, Died 8-2-87
Ruth E. Huber, 82, North Section, Emp. 10-8-27, Died 7-27-87
Anthony Kasman, 73, Vehicle Maint., Emp. 9-24-35, Died 9-8-87
Edward W. Konkey, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-21-42, Died 8-19-87
Valentine F. Keisel, 82, North Avenue, Emp. 12-28-42, Died 9-29-87
Zygmunt Kwiatkowski, 81, Archer, Emp. 10-18-27, Died 7-6-87
Lawrence A. Larson, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 8-26-42, Died 8-11-87
Marie C. Lehmann, 99, West Section, Emp. 8-9-36, Died 5-19-87
Frank Lukis, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 12-9-26, Died 7-14-87
Daniel J. Lyons, 84, North Avenue, Emp. 4-10-23, Died 7-2-87
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Stanley E. Mazurek, 69, South Shops, Emp. 11-9-45, Died 9-23-87
Martin McHugh, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 10-15-25, Died 9-12-87
John Militello, 86, Limits, Emp. 5-25-25, Died 7-31-87
Charlie L. Moore, 65, West Section, Emp. 11-24-50, Died 7-6-87
Willard G. Murbach, 82, West Section, Emp. 6-26-20, Died 7-24-87
John F. Musser, 73, Archer, Emp. 8-7-41, Died 8-28-87
Tony Narducci, 92, Way & Structure, Emp. 4-1-25, Died 8-1-87
William Neal, 75, Kedzie, Emp. 8-9-51, Died 7-8-87
Raymond C. Newman, 73, Vehicle Maint., Emp. 2-8-39, Died 7-12-87
John C. Nyman, 68, 69th Street, Emp. 7-8-54, Died 7-8-87
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John H. Parks, 77, Security, Emp. 8-1-47, Died 9-27-87

George L. Pellicore, 82, Accounting, Emp. 1-5-20, Died 9-1-87
Frank Ponziano, 64, South Section, Emp. 6-10-46, Died 9-17-87
James Quain, 78, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-8-87, Died 9-10-87
Arthur R. Redlich, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-10-23, Died 9-21-87
Freddie L. Reed, 69, South Section, Emp. 4-17-51, Died 9-10-87
Robert A. Roensing, 69, West Shops, Emp. 1-22-36, Died 7-8-87
Irving Ross, 77, North Section, Emp. 9-29-69, Died 8-22-87
Thomas F. Scanlon, 90, Kedzie, Emp. 3-24-23, Died 8-1-87
Julius H. Schechl, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 4-13-36, Died 8-17-87
George J. Schima, 90, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 2-2-14, Died 9-3-87
Willard F. Schleizer, 71, Kedzie, Emp. 1-11-46, Died 8-28-87
Louis Schoenfeldt, 93, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-14-16, Died 9-6-87
Margaret R. Sheehan, 93, West Side, Emp. 10-11-33, Died 9-24-87
Vern Shepherd, 84, North Avenue, Emp. 7-29-29, Died 8-2-87
Harry A. Smith, 78, 77th, Emp. 2-19-45, Died 7-3-87
Elia Soraich, 96, Way & Structure, Emp. 11-25-30, Died 9-26-87
Matt T. Stiglic, 83, Transportation, Emp. 8-1-25, Died 7-14-87
Neil C. Sullivan, 70, South Section, Emp. 11-14-45, Died 7-12-87
Tripa Susich, 101, Way & Structure, Emp. 5-7-07, Died 8-16-87
Bernard Thurkow, 77, Limits, Emp. 4-3-34, Died 7-12-87
Edward Tomlin, 71, Veh. Maint., Emp. 10-1-41, Died 9-30-87
Nick A. Verlatto, 81, Beverly, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 7-12-87
Albert B. Wadley, 86, Transportation, Emp. 6-22-25, Died 9-6-87
Jerome T. Walker, 68, 95th, Emp. 3-19-51, Died 8-16-87
John R. Wexelberg, 81, Internal Audit, Emp. 10-28-36, Died 7-27-87
Arthur H. Wike, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 1-4-36, Died 8-19-87
John F. Zaraza, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-10-37, Died 9-26-87

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Striving for excellence '87

Elonzo Hill, acting deputy executive director, Operations, leads in a toast to the 1987 **Striving for Excellence** honorees. Podium participants are (from left) **Dr. Robert E. Paaswell**, executive director; **George Haenisch**, acting deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance; **Rosemarie Gulley**, director, Media Relations, Public Affairs, and CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark**.



'Striving' program Honor 1,148 employees at fourth annual

The 1987 Striving for Excellence Testimonial, held Nov. 8, 1987 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, honored 1,148 of CTA's finest employees from both the Operations and the Engineering and Maintenance Divisions.

It was CTA's fourth annual public display of appreciation for the demonstrated excellence of its employees. Both **Governor James Thompson** and **Mayor Harold Washington** proclaimed the day as Striving for Excellence Day in honor of CTA's finest employees.

The distinguished CTA employees also received the testimonial praises of CTA's executive director, **Dr. Robert Paaswell**, and CTA's chairman, **Walter Clark**. Additionally, accolades were heard from Transportation's acting senior deputy executive director, **Harry Reddick**; acting deputy executive director of Operations, **Elonzo Hill**; and acting deputy executive director of Engineering and Maintenance, **George Haenisch**.

Mistress of Ceremonies **Rosemarie Gulley**, CTA director of Media Relations, encouraged the honorees to "...applaud yourselves." Gulley said, "Awareness is when you are doing the best that you can, and you strive to get better."

The program was only a quarter of an hour underway when the house lights went up and the spotlight was turned on Mayor Harold Washington who walked in with his entourage, shaking hands with honorees in his path as he approached the stage.

In his address to the honorees, Mayor Washington stated: "It's tough to be a public servant in a sensitive area ... where people's nerves are frayed constantly and you've got to deal with them and give them the service they are paying for. It takes a super person to be able to give that kind of service ... so as Striving for Excellence awardees you are doubly entitled to that kind of consideration." It was to be the mayor's final appearance at a CTA Striving for Excellence Testimonial. The evening ended with dinner, a toast to the honorees, and dancing.

SELECTION CRITERIA: OPERATIONS DIVISION

To be considered as honorees, bus operators, box pullers, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, switchmen, towermen, yard foremen and foot collectors must have been hired prior to January 1, 1986 and have worked at least 200 days in their classification and/or in a pool for a union-represented classification. Additionally, these employees' 1986 work records had to conform to the following stringent standards:

- no misses (occasions of tardiness)
- no chargeable injuries on duty
- no chargeable complaints
- no violations
- no suspensions
- no chargeable accidents
- no corrective case interviews
- maximum of one occasion of illness requiring absence from work, or one non-chargeable complaint, or one non-chargeable accident

Because commitment to excellence is expected to increase as individuals advance within the Operations Division, clerks, supervisors and instructors were required to meet stricter criteria. These employees must have worked at least 200 days in their classification and/or in a pool for a union-represented classification during both 1985 and 1986. Their work records for 1985 and 1986 had to be perfect. A perfect work record is defined as having

- no misses
- no chargeable injuries on duty
- no complaints
- no violations
- no suspensions
- no accidents
- no corrective case interviews
- no absences from work

SELECTION CRITERIA: ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To be considered honorees, employees must have worked in a union-represented classification. To determine this year's honorees, employee's work records for 1985 and 1986 were reviewed. Any employee with a suspension, AWOL or similar violation, or with more than two occasions of sickness, tardiness or early departure was ineligible. In addition, employees earned points for excellence as follows:

- Perfect attendance for previous 12 months* (+5 points)
- Missed perfect attendance for previous 12 months by one occasion of sickness, tardiness or early departure (+3 points)
- Missed perfect attendance for previous 12 months by two occasions of sickness, tardiness or early departure (+1 point)
- Each prior year of perfect attendance (+2 points)
- Each commendation (+2 points)
- Written warning (-5 points)

Each employee's points were totaled and those with seven points or more were designated as this year's honorees.

*Contractual days off allowed, i.e., jury duty, funeral leave, etc.

Employees of the Year honored



Recently honored as Materials Management, Stores Employees of the Year from their respective work locations were (from left) Oliver Green, Fred Krawczyk, Cleveland Bennett, and Charles Bennett.

Employees double 'Sharing It' '87 contributions

CTA employees doubled last Christmas season's food contributions to the 1987 'Sharing It' program as 3,024 pounds of canned goods and other staple items were donated by transit employees to help feed the masses of Chicago's hungry.

In 1986, CTA employees contributed 1,510 pounds of food to Chicago's food depository. "We hope to continue the increase in contributions each year," said Operations Planning schedule maker **George West**, who has been in the forefront of CTA's program participation since 1986.

At least 800,000 to 1 million Chicagoans, from children to senior citizens, suffer from malnutrition due to economic burdens.

CTA Chairman **Walter Clark** and Executive Director **Dr. Robert Paaswell** represented CTA at a Dec. 10 'spirit of caring' program, which was held in the main lobby of the Merchandise Mart. Mayor Eugene Sawyer dedicated the fifth annual program to the memory of the late Mayor Harold Washington, who established the city-wide food collection drive in 1983, his first year in office, to focus attention on



Dr. Robert E. Paaswell (left), CTA executive director, and Chairman Walter H. Clark, along with Santa, join Ms. Elsa McCrory (left), CTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise staff assistant, and claims clerk Ms. Delores Brooks with food resources collected for Chicago's needy. A record-breaking 50 tons of food was donated in the 1987 'Sharing It' program and dedicated to the memory of the late Mayor Harold Washington.

the plight of hunger in the City of Chicago.

Food and resources were stacked from the floor to the ceiling of the Merchandise Mart lobby as a record-

breaking 50 tons of food were collected in the overall Mart drive. Representing the Mart at the program was the Mart's marketing vice president, **Jim Bidwell**.

Yuletide goodwill at Archer

Seldom do people talk about the good that others do. This means we rarely learn about the good that our co-workers do if it isn't job related.

Take the case of bus operators

Johnnie Gomilla, Katie Jones, and Geraldine Taylor of Archer garage. This public-spirited committee of three spearheaded a drive within their garage for collecting food,



Representatives of the 'Archer garage family' sharing the Yuletide season with needy families exhibit some of their collections. Members of the group are (from left) bus operator Geraldine Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Isaac Clark, bus operator/Local 241 Board member Tom Collins, Superintendent Ronald J. Catanzaro, bus operators Robert Vining, Hesler Gresham, and Johnnie Gomilla, and Bus Supervisor Michael Moore.

clothing, toys and money to share with some less fortunate families at Christmas.

Last year, the 'Archer garage family' donated toys to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. This year, Gomilla and his committee collected \$308, of which \$50 was used to purchase new toys for Chicago's U.S. Post Office. The postal service used the donations in response to the letters received from needy youngsters at Christmas. A destitute family with 13 children received \$100, as well as some toys the committee had collected, and \$158 was earmarked for Mayor Sawyer's 'Sharing It' program.

Archer employees also donated clothing to a shelter for the homeless, and plans call for continuing the goodwill effort throughout the year rather than just at Christmas.

The south side garage's superintendent, **Ronald Catanzaro**, is quick to say he's proud to be associated with the personnel at Archer. "I'm very proud of our people. It gives me a good feeling to tell others what they are doing. They certainly deserve to be recognized."



One of the many volunteers present to explain their work was Kevin Lyke, assembler helper in Skokie Shops' stripping/degreasing area.



Telling Santa their Christmas wishes are retirees Richard Schneider (left) and George Millonas (center), Jack Hruby (right), director, Rail Maintenance, listens in. Santa is played by William Meany, Skokie Shops inspector.

**'L' car fans
brave weather for ...**

Skokie Shops

More than 600 CTA employees, family members, and friends braved the chilly, rainy weather on Saturday, November 7, for an eye-popping 'L' car extravaganza at Skokie Shops Open House.

Inside the sprawling repair shop buildings, visitors found many displays of 'L' car components. Some components even had their protective covers removed, so the viewers could see how the devices worked and how they fit into the makeup of a complete 'L' car.

Repairers and technicians who worked on the components being exhibited were on hand, and took obvious pride in explaining how their particular assemblies worked and how they fit into the makeup of a complete 'L' car. The quantity of parts, and wiring, and the fitting together of everything so that it operated properly, caused many expressions of wonderment.

Mark Dundovich, superintendent of Rail Vehicle Shops, said planning for the Open House started long before the big event. Dundovich said the planners even decided to have visitors operate some of the displays to

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get a better sense of their importance to the operation of an 'L' car. The planners included co-chairmen **Pat Barton** and **John Kissane**, who worked with representatives from the various groups within Skokie Shops.

The Open House also featured clowns and free refreshments, as well as Santa Claus, who was on hand to take the many youthful requests.

"The highlight of the day, for me, was to see three generations of CTA families touring the Open House, with proud employees showing their families the important role they have in our rapid transit system," said Dundovich. "It was pleasant to see co-workers and their families enjoying an impromptu get-together," he added.

"A personal reward was the letter I received following the Open House. A little girl, whose father works at Skokie, sent me a note of thanks in her own manner and handwriting," Dundovich said.

Will there be another Skokie Shops Open House? Dundovich said there's a possibility, if all those who volunteered to put this one together want to give it another try sometime in the future.



Edward Lubomski, acting electrical foreman, sporting a clown's costume, passes a balloon to Brandon, son of Mrs. Mary Labus, clerk, Storeroom 42, and her husband, Ken.



Rail Terminals Superintendent R. J. Lorimer and his son, Corey, check out a shiny piece of equipment on display.

Jean Cage (North Park garage) 'is outstanding,' according to Irene Sheppard, a nurse who works on Lawrence Avenue. 'I had just come in from Peoria, and got on her (No. 151 Sheridan) bus. It was rush hour, and the bus was real crowded. The way she handled that crowd was just remarkable. She kept reminding them to move to the rear, and everyone enjoyed doing just that. Then she thanked them for cooperating. She is just a wonderful person, and is also efficient. She calls off the streets, and that is a big help, especially on a crowded bus. Just to look at her gives one confidence, and I feel safe riding on her bus.'



Oscar Coleman (77th Street) was appreciated by Ruby Davis, of South Hoyne Avenue, who was a rider on his 87th Street bus. "I had two boys with me. I got off and found that I had left my purse on the bus, with all my money, ID's and charge plates. I really didn't know what to do, but I told the next bus driver, and he called in and told me to wait until the next bus came back east. I waited. Thank God for these two lovely men, because times are very hard now. I had all my money in my purse, and when I got it back, everything was there. We still have good people in this world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Mara DeGracia (North Section) was complimented by Steven Takaki, of Diversey Avenue, for "performing her duties [as conductor on an O'Hare train] in an abundantly professional manner. She assisted several passengers, and responded to their many questions pertaining to the direction of travel. The abundance of her station announcements on the intercom, along with the various points of interest and transfer points, also deserve commendation. A person who can perform her duties in such a professional manner warrants an honorable mention, and should be looked upon as a role model for others."

Ricky Hogan (North Park garage) caught the attention of Eunice Graubart, of North Drake Avenue, for the way he handled his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "After getting on at Chicago and Michigan, I sat opposite the driver. I observed him as he opened the door to let a passenger off, and to each one he said, 'Watch your step, now, and have a good evening.' He called every street, and to anyone making an inquiry, he answered in the most polite and helpful manner. This is a new breed of bus driver. I was so impressed with this young man that I had to write to tell you this is someone to be truly proud of."



Eugene Motyka (North Section) 'deserves recognition,' in the opinion of Mick Strelchuk, of Elmhurst, who is a frequent user of O'Hare service. 'I was on the 5:10 a.m. train from O'Hare. I was most impressed by the conductor's friendliness, professionalism and appearance. His demeanor was exceptional, and many passengers were obviously happy to see him welcome them on the train. As a pilot with a major airline, I know the importance of good service, and can recognize it when I see it. This man represents his position in an exemplary manner. The CTA and the city should be proud to have him as a representative.'

Robert Jacobson (South Section) won the approval of Mrs. C. W. Hoffman, of Glenview, for his performance as conductor of a Jackson Park-Howard train. "I was so pleased with the conductor that when I got off at Howard, I went back to the middle of the train to check on his number. He should be commended for a job not just well done, but more! In a cheerful, pleasant voice, he announced each stop clearly, so you could actually understand what he was saying, and provided information about bus connections. At the end of the ride, he wished us a good afternoon and thanked us for riding the CTA--unbelievable!"

Joie Pryor (North Section) was praised by Thomas Brusstar, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for her 'unusually good' work as conductor on an O'Hare train. "Having traveled extensively in Europe and the U.S., I have learned to appreciate efficient, easily understandable transit systems. In this regard, the conductor's announcement of stations is important, and she impressed me. She announced the stations clearly, noted transfers properly, and admonished riders to abide by CTA conduct rules unobtrusively and politely over the speaker. Even a foreign traveler would find her announcements helpful."

Rosette Ewing (North Section) was thanked for her concern as conductor on a Howard-Jackson Park train ridden by Winston Garth, a teacher working on North Ada Street. "I noticed a man and woman dressed in denim getting on the train. Apparently, a confrontation occurred between them and the conductor, and they became very rude, belligerent and offensive. What could have developed into an explosive situation was avoided by your employee, whom I felt handled this matter with great calm and concern. Employees like her are needed to make riding public transportation enjoyable and pleasant."

CTA hosts Transit Police/Security symposium



CTA's Industrial Safety/Police Liaison department was host to a mid-November two-day Transit Police/Security symposium in which nine transit properties met to discuss common problems and solutions to security measures. **Dr. Melvyn R. May**, manager of CTA's Industrial Safety/Police Liaison department, and symposium host, said transit police attending the two-day session included representatives from the District of Columbia, Atlanta, Boston, Houston, New York, and Philadelphia. There were also representatives from Chicago's Regional Transportation Authority, the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County Sheriff's Department, and Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

Topics for discussion included issues in major contemporary transit police work and training and development, dealing with graffiti, internal investigations, relationship with the media, and juvenile crime on transit authority properties.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Carmen Alvarez, Forest Glen
Carlos Baez, Forest Glen
Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Margaret Barrett, North Section
Joseph Blackmon, 77th Street
Howard Bramham, Jefferson Park
Alvin Brown, Archer
Frank Buscemi, Forest Glen

Ted Cain, 77th Street
Robert Carbonelli, Howard/Kimball
Chester Colbert, Howard/Kimball
Donald Collins, Forest Glen
Herman Cortez Jr., Jefferson Park
Jerry Crawford, Archer

Milan Davidovic, North Park
Roberto Diaz, North Park
Jose Diaz, Howard/Kimball
Ernest Dittsworth, Forest Glen
Rosemary Donaldson, Forest Park
Philip Donohue, Howard/Kimball

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street
James Elder, Ashland/61/95
Rosette Ewing, Howard/Kimball

Dewitt Forrest Jr., 77th Street

Juan Garcia, North Park
Johnnie Goines, North Park
James Green, Ashland/61/95
Bobby Griffin, Archer

Dino Harvey, 77th Street

Louis Kelley, 77th Street
Roland King, Jefferson Park
James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park
Al Kristolaitis, Douglas/Congress

Paul Lane, Forest Park
Joseph Lawrence Jr., 69th Street

Melinda Manoni, West Section
Louis Maravilla, 77th Street
Robert McClure, Ashland/61/95
James McManus, Howard/Kimball
Faye Murry, Limits

Frank Nava, Limits

Thomas Parker, North Park
Viola Paschal, Kedzie
Marshall Price, 77th Street
James Prohaska, South Shops

Carl Reese, Kedzie
Kimberly Rhyne, Archer
Robert Riley, 77th Street
Stephond Robinson, Howard/
 Kimball

Gary Santini, Forest Glen
Leonie Smalling, 77th Street
Drusilla Smith, 77th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Charles Smith, Forest Glen
Jeffrey Smith, Jefferson Park
Howard Sneed, 77th Street
Verna Starks, 69th Street
Kenneth Steppe, South Shops
Howard Stratton, Howard/Kimball
Alice Strong, Forest Glen
Maria Sudeikis, Archer
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street

Ruben Velasco, Congress
Amador Velez Sr., North Park

Lonnie Walker, North Park
Mary Wallace, North Park
Darold Wardlow, Limits
Riccardo Wardlow, Jefferson Park
Leon Washington, 77th Street
Harold White, Ashland/61/95
Georgia Williams, 69th Street
Gwendolyn Williams, North Section

James Yancey, Limits
Fred Young, North Park
Jeffrey Youngerman, Limits

Anthony Zenner, North Park



Dr. Paaswell named to Transportation Research Board

Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director of the CTA, has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board [TRB]. The board, an arm of the Washington-based National Research Council [NRC], assists governmental and other national and international agencies with the development, implementation and dissemination of transportation policy.

The Transportation Research Board is responsible to the Council for recommending policy and providing administrative oversight for all programs and activities of the Transporta-

tion Research Board. TRB has a membership of 2500 in the United States and 47 countries.

Dr. Paaswell is an internationally-recognized expert in the field of transportation, and most recently was invited by the Republic of China and the United States Department of Transportation to be a major leader in an International Transportation Conference in Beijing.

Prior to joining CTA, Dr. Paaswell was director of the Urban Transportation Center of the University of Illinois, and was a professor of Transportation Engineering at the University.



Kevin Finnegan (left), terminal foreman, and his teammates, car repairer Joseph Kolek and terminal combination clerk Michael Averitt, took first place honors in the 1987 Rail Maintenance RoundUp. Others in the top five were Harlem car repairer Eric Lorenz, car servicer Sam Hernandez, and Desplaines terminal assistant foreman Joseph Witek, second place winners. Taking third place honors were 98th street terminal foreman Leon Fields, combination clerk Richard Jeffries, and car repairer Albert Curtis. Fourth place recognition went to terminal foreman Gary Kemp, car repairer Gary Johnson of Desplaines, and Jack Dorsey, combination clerk, PCS area, Skokie. John Josephitis, assistant foreman at Howard, and Diego Rendon, a Howard car repairer, took fifth place honors.

Call of the wild lures bus operator to African safari

On the job, **Bennie Jackson Jr.** is a mild-mannered bus driver on the No. 80 Irving Park route out of the Forest Glen garage. Jackson likes his job. He's been doing it for 14 years.

However, beneath his uniform jacket beats the heart of a big game hunter.

Jackson has heard the call of the wild.

That's right. Smiling, unassuming Bennie Jackson has developed his skill and honed his nerve to look through the sights of his .378 Weatherby magnum high-powered rifle, squeeze off a shot at a charging 125-pound Tennessee wild boar with vicious tusks bared for attack, and drop it dead in its tracks.

Jackson also has taken a 250-pound Canadian black bear with his 3006 Remington rifle, plus big-horn sheep, prong-horned antelope, and deer.

"Ever since I was a kid and saw my first 'Tarzan' movie, I wanted to be a big game hunter--in Africa," Jackson said. As a youngster, he went squirrel and rabbit hunting with his father. He then used a 12-gauge shotgun.

"Then, one day when I was hunting rabbit, I saw a deer, and I knew I wanted to go for big game. I did, and I have. I also learned never to waste a shot and never to waste a kill. I always make sure the game I hunt is used for human consumption, after I've taken the skin, and when possible, the horns."



Bennie Jackson shows off a springbok buck he brought down with his trusty .3006 Remington rifle. The kill weighed more than 80 pounds and was taken in Southwest Namibia on Jackson's recent safari there.

A bus driver's salary doesn't go far in the sport of big game hunting. To cut his expenses, Jackson learned to be a taxidermist and make his own trophies.

"Even with hunting throughout North America, I felt the call of big game hunting in Africa," Jackson recalled. "Finally, with a refinanced auto loan and my savings, I raised the needed cash to go on a genuine African big game safari. It was a dream come true for me."

Jackson turned his dream and his cash over to Paul Merzig's Adventure Safaris Ltd., in Chicago, and Merzig turned the dream into reality--a seven-day safari in Southwest Namibia.

"I took a plane to South Africa. Because I was a foreigner, the white South Africans gave me no trouble as I made my way to the game preserve with my hunting gear. I was the only hunter there with a staff of seven and

two off-the-road vehicles," Jackson said.

"There I was, in the African wild with a guide, tracker, skinner, cook, cook's helper, laundress, and--get this--my personal valet.

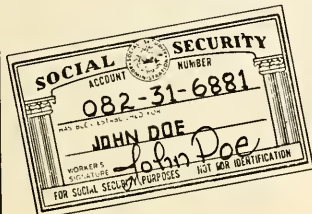
"In a week's time I shot five gemsbok, a fine springbok, a zebra, and a greater kudu. The kudu is bigger than a horse, the gemsbok is about the size of a horse, and the springbok is about the size of a German shepherd dog," he said.

"All the meat from the animals went to natives in the area. The skins and horns I selected arrived at my apartment in beautiful condition about eight months later."

Was it worth it? he was asked.

"Every cent," Jackson grinned. "But the next time I go back to Africa, I'm going to hunt Cape buffalo, the meanest animal on hoof. Wish me luck!"

Social Security: phone first



Some services rendered by the Social Security Administration may be handled by telephone. If you're applying for benefits, replacing a Medicare card, or inquiring about Social Security programs, you may wish to call your local office.

If your business with Social Security does require a visit to the office, it is advisable to call for an appointment

first and find out what documents or information you will need to transact your business. Chicagoans who live north of Madison street should call **724-8838**, while residents south of Madison should call **636-8811**. Suburban residents should check the local directory for a listing of the nearest Social Security office.



RETIRE

Tobin reminisces as he

Edward Tobin, manager of Materials Control, who joined CTA in 1957 as a graduate trainee upon graduating from Marquette University, will retire January 1.

Tobin said of his CTA service, "It's been a great 30 years with many wonderful memories and experiences. The most treasured aspect of my career here has been the many fine people with whom I have been privileged to be associated, including our old Materials Management team. No matter what the future brings, I shall always miss the many friends I have made over the years at CTA."

His career began with a two-year training program in which he worked as a bus operator to learn the basics of the transit industry. Later, Tobin worked as a surface systems supervisor after a two-year interruption for military service.

"The two-year CTA training program was like management boot camp where you found out whether or not you had the right stuff to become a transit professional," Tobin recalled. He said numerous training assignments within CTA culminated in assignment to the former Staff Engineer's office.



Joseph Scott (left) and Leonard Tucek, bus and truck mechanics at South Shops, became pensioners January 1 after 31 years and 33 years of service, respectively.



Manuel Segura, government project coordinator for CTA Purchasing, says farewell to CTA co-workers and friends at his retirement celebration after 11 years of service.



Surprise, surprise! Co-workers really did surprise retiring Superintendent III Junius 'Nick' Blaino of North Section Rail, Kimball terminal, who is being greeted here upon his arrival at the Rodeway Inn at Harrison and Canal for a party given in his honor. It was hosted by Porter 'Buck' Bynum, Maureen Thivel, Linda McRose II. Nearly 200 people attended the gala affair for Blaino as he closed his CTA career of 28 years.



Blaino says thanks and bids farewell to friends and co-workers after opening gifts and oftentimes of appreciation.

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ses a career of 30 years

Tobin was loaned to the Institute for Rapid Transit, a trade association now merged with the American Public Transit Association [APTA]. The Institute was headed by **Valter J. McCarter**, who was then CTA General Manager.

Tobin said some of his most interesting assignments occurred at the Institute, dealing with car design, fare collection, rail transit promotion, and legislative topics. He took a permanent position with the Institute, but rejoined CTA with an assignment in the Purchasing Department in the late 1960's, after the Institute for Rapid Transit moved to Washington. He has been an active member of APTA's Purchase and Materials Management Committee for several years, and was the committee's 1982-83 chairman.

Tobin was named CTA purchasing agent in June 1982, and subsequently was named manager of Materials Control, a job which gave him responsibility for the warehousing and control of nearly 68,000 line items.

Tobin and his family will remain in the Chicagoland area after his retirement.



This cake being sliced down the middle is part of the retirement send-off for Alphonse Martin (left), director of Purchasing, and Edward Tobin, manager, Materials Control. Tobin, who rode the 125 Water Tower Express bus to work, was presented this destination sign as a memento.



Unit supervisor David Maiden (left), Bus Shops, congratulates sheet metal worker Charles S. Anderson who retired January 1 after 25 years of service.



Madden (left), director of Benefit Services, presents his retirement packet from Charles S. Anderson, manager of Benefit Services. Madden joined CTA pensioners January 1 after 40 years of service.



Tina Rodriguez, Materials Management utility clerk, accepts the coveted pensioner packet from director of Purchasing Al Marlin. Ms. Rodriguez, a CTA employee for 15 years, was presented with a cash gift from her co-workers upon her retirement.

RETIREMENTS NOVEMBER

Walter J. Anderson, West Shops, 25 Years
Pete Colombo, Des Plaines, 34 Years

disability retirements

Jessie W. Howard, 77th Street, 10 Years
Nelson Sanders, Archer, 17 Years

*Retroactive to 3/1/87

DECEMBER

Melvin Clarke, Howard, 34 Years
John M. Flanagan, Archer, 25 Years
John M. Jones, Beverly, 25 Years
Alpha J. Lambert, 77th Street, 13 Years
Padraig Lynch, Madison/Wabash, 27 Years
James R. Smith, 69th Street, 37 Years

disability retirements

Charles Clark, 77th Street, 18 Years
Diego L. Santos-Rios, North Park, 20 Years
George H. Thompson, Beverly, 18 Years

Garrett holds monthly sessions, hears employees

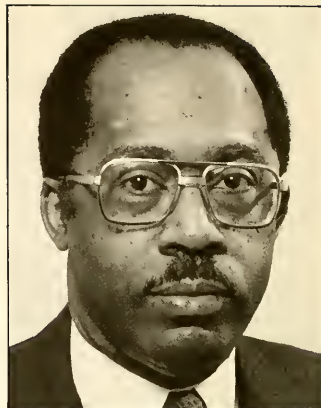
CTA employees in the Human Resources and Benefits Service Division are getting to share common concerns and performance issues with the division's chief officer, Deputy Executive Director **Ben Garrett**.

Since August, 1987 Garrett has been conducting monthly round-table discussions with his non-management personnel over continental breakfast. The informal meetings, usually with 8-10 people, provide mutual benefits. Garrett not only has an opportunity to meet a cross-section of experienced

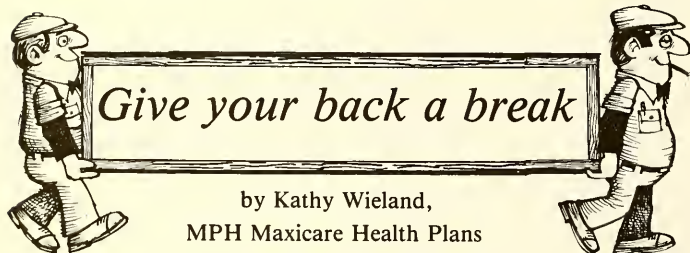
CTA personnel who are available to him, but it also gives employees a chance to get to know the boss, and to know that he is available to them.

The meetings are held each first Thursday with different groups of employees who are free to express their feelings about themselves, their jobs, and their goals. A primary rule with Garrett concerning the gatherings is that each issue raised is appropriately answered.

"If we can't answer immediately, we try to get back to the individual before



our next meeting with another group. It's our way of communicating and sharing and responding to employee needs. We hope it is an idea that will not only continue in this division, but will catch on in other areas of CTA," Garrett said.



by Kathy Wieland,
MPH Maxicare Health Plans

Thanks to all of the modern conveniences of American life in the 1980's, most of us end up sitting for 85% or more of our day. Believe it or not, all of this excess time spent sitting is causing much more damage than a worn out pair of pants!

This type of inactivity throughout the better part of the day causes muscle tension, aching lower back, sore neck and shoulders and even emotional exhaustion.

If your job requires eight or more hours of sitting per day, there are some strategies you can employ to avoid the above aches, pains, and problems.

1. Support Your Lower Back -Four out of five Americans will experience back pain at some time in their lives. So if you suffer from backaches, you're not alone! The area of the spine generating the most complaints is the lumbar region, or lower back. To help support this area, make a lumbar support by rolling a towel to 4 inches by 6 inches. Place this support where the small of your back hits in your chair at work or home, in your car, or anywhere else you frequently sit. Lumbar supports are also available commercially made.

2. Improve Your Posture -Slouching can lead to back strain,

stiffness, and muscle fatigue. To avoid slouching, imagine a plumbline starting at your shoulders and running straight down to your hips. Keep both shoulders and hips even with the line. To improve your posture even more, include your ears along the same line. So, your ears, shoulders and hips should all be along the same straight, imaginary line.

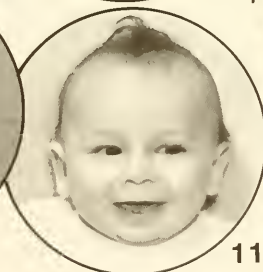
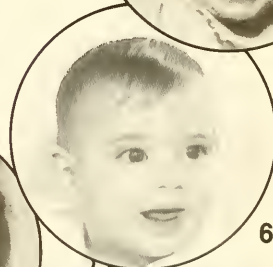
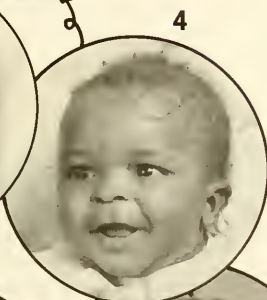
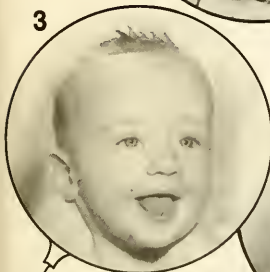
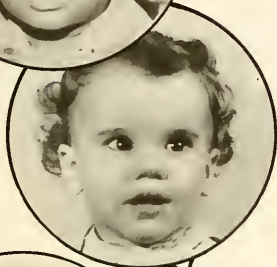
3. Take 'Move' Breaks - Sitting in one position for too long causes fatigue. To increase energy and avoid grogginess, leave your desk or seat as many times as you can without hurting your efficiency too much. If you cannot get up and move often, move in your seat--change positions, stretch!

4. Stretch - Doing periodic, simple stretches in the sitting position will release tension in each muscle you stretch, eliminating muscle aches/tension, improving circulation to stretched areas, increasing your flexibility, and even fine tuning muscles.

How much time do you spend in your chair? If your answer is *a lot*, consider the above suggestions for a more comfortable and less stressful day!

How well do you know your CTA co-workers?

How well do you know your CTA co-workers? Name all of these Mart employees from the Labor Relations Department, and rate yourself outstanding. Get 50 per cent of them correct and you're good, and fair if you can name 25 per cent. Anything less probably means you've missed a familiar feature or two.



Answers

1. James Marshall, manager, Labor Relations
2. James Bidwell, director, Contract Administration
3. Mike Bruen, Labor Relations representative
4. Donald Bowler, Labor Relations representative
5. Gerry Fiedler, Contract Information representative
6. Diane Traxler, Contract Administration representative
7. Ann Murphy-Gaughan, Contract Administration representative
8. Dora Atkins, executive secretary
9. Michelle Day, director, Grievance/Arbitration Processes
10. Gus Alevisos, Labor Relations representative
11. Mike Nardulli, Labor representative
12. Eileen Kosinski, confidential office assistant

Credit unions observe half-century mark

CTA's North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union at 4753 N. Broadway, and the 69th Street Depot Federal Credit Union at 1601 W. 69th Street, both observed their 50th anniversary in December. According to the Illinois Credit Union League, only about 100 existing Illinois credit unions have been operating longer.

The two credit unions, which were founded in 1937 to provide service for CTA employees and family members, are among 19 credit unions serving CTA employees.

The North Side 'L' Credit Union employs four part-time workers. Its 1,330 members are offered a variety of loan and savings options, and its assets exceed \$4.7 million.

Officers of North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union are **Hugh F. Hegarty**, president; **John E. Hill**, vice president, and **Mary Ellyn Collins**, secretary-treasurer.

Five part-time employees provide a variety of loan and savings services to the 870 members of the 69th Street Depot Federal Credit Union with its nearly \$3.7 million in assets.

Its officers are **Harry Blake**, president; **Thomas Reilly**, vice president; **Melvin Turner**, secretary, and **Thomas W. Cook**, treasurer/manager.

A big money Saver



An estimated \$99,326 per year will be saved inspecting marine pumps on CTA's 1000, 7400, 9000, and 9600 series GM buses with the cutting of an inspection hole in the marine pump cover. The modification was suggested by Kedzie bus repairmen **Bernie Grant** (left) and **Les Gooley**. The modification will mean easier inspection of the pump without remov-

ing the cover, and will save 25 minutes on removal and replacement time. Grant and Gooley are members of Kedzie's Quality Circle. Other QC members are: **Sal Alleruzzo**, **James Downer**, **Vince Ecter**, **Joe Escamilla**, **Ron Goins**, **Lonzo Lyles**, **Pat Murphy**, **Milford Shelton**, and coordinator **Juanita Duff**.

CTA TRANSIT NEWS

End of year 'Day in CTA' honors retirees



Honorees at the 1987 year-end 'Day in CTA' gather in CTA's Control Center exhibiting certificates of appreciation. The 12 employees were all retired January 1. The group includes [from left] **Wilks Battles**, **Cleveland Brogdon**, **Henry Radom**, **Louis Robinson**, **Ernest Thomatis**, **Robert Wynne**, **Shirley Knight**, **Theodore Vernon**, **Edward Willeko**, **Edward Schurz**, **Peter Kourakos**, and **Olson Jackson**.

Twelve CTA retirement applicants with a combined total of 402 years and 2 months of outstanding service to CTA were honored in December at a special year-end 'Day in CTA.'

The honorees are motormen **Edward Willeko** of Howard terminal, 45 years and 10 months of service; **Theodore Vernon** of 95th street terminal, 36 years and a month of service, and **Robert Wynne** of the 61st street terminal with 30 years and nine months of CTA service. The lone conductor among the honorees was **Wilks Battles**, also of the 95th street terminal, who served CTA for 31

years and two months.

Ticket agent **Shirley Knight** of Kimball terminal joins pensioners after 28 years and five months of service. Ms. Knight distinguished herself in 1984 when she kicked the smoking habit and took the money she normally used to buy cigarettes to purchase miniature televisions for residents in area senior citizen homes. She and her husband are currently continuing their benevolence by purchasing wheelchairs for use by elderly and disabled persons.

Bus operators taking their pensions who were among the honorees were

Edward Schurz and **Henry Radom** of Forest Glen garage with 40 years, one month service, and 30 years, eight months service, respectively; **Peter Kourakos** of North Park, 38 years, one month, and **Olson Jackson**, Kedzie, 36 years, nine months.

Bus service supervisors among the honorees were **Ernest Thomatis** with 31 years, two months of service, and **Cleveland Brogdon**, 27 years, five months, both of District A, and **Louis Robinson** of District D with 25 years, two months of service.



Michael LaVelle, manager, Transportation Services, charges recently trained power supervisors **George Hand** and **George Clark** with new responsibilities as he prepares to present them with their certificates of training. Present for the occasion were [from left] **Benjamin Morris**, assistant superintendent, Rail Communications; **Hand**, **Clark**, **Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Communications, and [not shown] **Ollie Winston**, assistant superintendent, Power and Data.

New Power Supervisors

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

North Park

Ever hear "Nice guys finish last"? Well, not here at North Park they don't. Operator **Vicki Nesbit** snapped a picture of Clark Street's **Bob Devitt** after he had been seen escorting a handicapped passenger across a busy intersection. We hear he joined the ranks of married couples this past June, so you can guess who will be pushing their grocery cart when he and his bride, **Jazmin**, go shopping ... Picture, if you will, a Monday morning at 7 a.m. and **John Winkler** sitting in the training room reaching for his coffee, when he feels something crawling on his neck and ZAP! he's stung by a bee. What a way to start your week! Fortunately, operator **Winkler** is no wimp and just oh so casually brushes aside the now expired perpetrator. Question: who let that bee in? ... True or false? Whenever you manage to catch a ride in **Rafael Rosados** car he has that radio tuned to that country and western station with the volume a-l-l the way up ... TV's Dick Clark may not know it but he has competition in the Latin version by the name of **Hermino Ayala**. How else to explain someone who's approaching his 53rd birthday and yet doesn't look his age? Miss **Yolanda Ragsdale**, daughter of operator **Frederick Ragsdale**, is another 1987 graduate from Henderson grammar school, and we hope dad didn't hold back on the young lady's graduation gift ... All the best wishes to a young lady here at the clerk's window who became a bride to one of our south area supervisors and now her last-name initial matches her first. Told you I wouldn't name names, Miss ... **Carl Guzzi, Jimmie Johnson, Lee**

Richardson, Joe Zukerman and supervisor **Juan Gonzalez** are some of our co-workers who aren't in the best of health lately. Hopefully, they will be feeling like teenagers again by the time this issue is printed ... How else to say how sorry we are when we lose a parent? Operator **Carmen Betances'** father, **Julio C. Betances**, recently passed away. Our deepest condolences, Carmen ... And how would you like to be on the loose in Paris, France for a week and not have anything to do but enjoy yourself? We, of course, who were working here in Chicago, can only guess why Evanston operator **Ken**



Forty-three year old **Earnest Hays** will attempt to run a New York or Boston marathon [26.2 miles] this year under three hours. Hays, a switchman at 63rd street and Ashland, has already completed three such events in Chicago, one in Duluth, Minn., and one in Hawaii. His best time over the course to date has been three hours and 15 minutes. Last October he ran a half marathon--13.1 miles--in one hour and 29 minutes.



West Side foot collector **Dan Miller** and his wife, **Maryann**, are proud parents for a second time. Son **Nicholas Mario** was born Nov. 17, weighing 8 pounds, 9-1/4 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. Another button-popper over little **Nicholas** is the happy grandfather, **Forest Glen Supervisor Nick Miller**, for whom the baby was named.

Ernst had that little gleam in his eye when he mentioned that Paris was so enjoyable for the U.S. male ... On the other hand, it seems appropriate that **Tony Zenner** and his wife, **Kim**, flew south to Mexico to finally reclaim their car. We had mentioned, in a previous issue, that they had experienced transmission troubles twice. Look at it this way, Kim, these are the more pleasant memories the two of you will share in a few years when he mentions 'let's go camping.' ... **Frederick Douglas** has a new camera and says he's interested in joining the **North Park SLR's** camera club, so why not join him when he comes to one of the club's end-of-the-month film shoots? ... Beautiful, sunny weather on a Sunday morning, and members of the **SLR's** camera club have finally made it to the Morton Arboretum, which is only a 25-mile drive from Chicago. There, **Chester Harris, Owen Terry, Michael Collymore, Vince Dawson** (Limits), **Vicki Nesbit** and **Michael Flores** hope to take some serious competition-type pictures of nature in all of her autumn splendor ... As always, our station credit union contributed to the annual Christmas Party. Personnel who helped were **David Washington, Bob Thomas, Cedric Wright, Sally Olivier, Bob Vasquez, Vicki Nesbit**, and the multi-talented **Gary (Santa Claus) Hurst** ... Instructor **Aaron Crockett** showed his typical devotion to duty by standing at his post distributing the recent safety awards. We're going to

miss him once he receives his appointment to start working at the Control Center ... Remember that scene in the old movie *Citizen Kane* with the Rosebud sled? **Marvin Zabel** surely did when he was doing some construction, tearing apart the porch on his home, and discovered one of those older versions of a sled under all of the debris. Knowing how Chicago's winters are, we would suggest you keep it nearby till springtime, Marv ... Coach **Bob Jenkins** is probably one of the tallest operators here at the garage, so it's only fitting that he's helping to coordinate the 'charcoal delight' basketball team. Regardless of your height, why not come and try out? You could be the one individual who makes the winning difference ... We couldn't help but smile when we noted former North Park operator **Janet Marino**, who is now at Limits, working the Broadway route with a 9000-series bus, and she was using a hand signal to indicate a left turn ... **Michael Cobleigh**, **David Gaston** and **Bob Devitt**, who happen to be the team leaders of teams 1, 12 and 10, were this quarter's safety award winners, along with each new member of their respective teams. The awards this time were carry-all bags and emergency flashlights. Did you remember to pick up your award, or do you know your team number? ... From all appearances, it looks as if **Daniel Brooks** will be the final student of 1987 to join the ranks of operators, just in time to enjoy all the winter wonders of driving that the rest of us have enjoyed in the past. Oh well, in only 29 more years, Dan, you and your wife **Patricia** can start planning your retirement activities ... Well, here it is, the final 1987 issue of *Inside News*, and I would like to say sincerely, **THANK YOU**, to retirees **Ed Unrein**, team leader **Lee Richardson**, operator **Sterling Williams**, morning clerk **Lynn Wilkerson**, supervisor **Roy Ripka**, assistant superintendent **Sal Carbonelli**, operators **Dan** and **Nilda Dzyacky**, repairman **Bob Powell**, scheduleman **Ed Olender**, janitor **Al Lowery** and everyone else who has been kind enough to share their moments of news with us. For 1988, we hope to share lots more stories, pictures and memories.

Mike Flores



Carol Musto, control center executive secretary, is assisted by Manager David Martin as she shows off the cake prepared for her farewell party. Ms. Musto, an Inside News reporter, joins the mass of American homemakers after nine years of CTA service.

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

Transit News Issue

Inside News Deadline

March-April, 1988.....	March 25, 1988
May-June, 1988.....	May 20, 1988
July-August, 1988.....	July 22, 1988
September-October, 1988.....	September 23, 1988
November-December, 1988.....	November 18, 1988

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

Retiree **William Miedema** and his wife, **Dorothy**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their sons, **William** of Forest Glen garage, **Wayne** of North Park, and **David**, a government employee and sports writer. The Miedema family has a total of 117 years of service with CTA and its predecessor, CSL.



Management Information Systems

Senior systems programmer **Christopher Prosperi** gains a ready-made family in October '88 when he weds **Lisa Scheer**, who has a daughter, **Mindi**. The newlyweds will honeymoon in Australia/Fuji Islands. More to come next year ... Guess who



the clown in the picture is. It certainly does resemble me. This is what happens when you organize a Halloween candlelight bowl, although it was lots of fun. **Jeanne Malenki** of Production Control was a pirate, along with her husband, **John**. Joining us were the Smurfs, a two-headed devil, Dracula, a Blues Brother, Emmett Kelly, Pinocchio, and Gippetto, a pink crayon, a pound puppy, a prisoner and French maid, some ghosts, goblins, witches and ghouls. Nice company, huh? And these were the ones who didn't dress up! ... Senior quality assurance analyst **Bill Ehrler** has been elected president of the Triangle Community Organization [TCO] in his Bucktown area. He's brushing up on his Roberts Rules of Order. Where's the gavel? ... We're still receiving no input from our department. I know there have been more babies born, marriages celebrated, and possibly some long-time anniversaries. Don't be shy, let us know about you!

Patricia Glines



Forest Glen retirees (from left) **Dan Noncek**, **Henry Ziolkowski**, **Joe Motyka**, and **Robert Barber** were reunited recently at Ziolkowski's Sun City, Arizona home. The word is "if you talk to Hank (Ziolkowski), he'll have you buying property in Sun City." Just ask Barber.

Service anniversaries in November

40 Years

Edward Schurz Jr., Forest Glen

35 Years

Martin Norwood, Ashland/61/95

William Reynolds, District C

Raleigh Washington, 69th Street

30 Years

Love Berry Jr., South Section

Samuel Burns, District A

George Kahlfeldt, Claims

Clinton Lewis, 69th Street

Jack Martin, Archer

Robert Matthews, Schedules

Ronald Nelson, Elec. Dist.

Richard Nelson, Escal. Mtc.

Richard Salinas, Steel Fab. Shop

Millford Shelton, Kedzie Mtc.

Ezel Wiley, Archer

25 Years

Willie Allums, South Shops

Paul Brazeau, Forest Glen

Edward Duckworth, 77th Street

H. Herring, General Mtc.

Norbert Koscienski, Safety Insp./Invest.

William Lambert, Bus Garages-North

Daniel Luberda, Forest Glen

Wayne Matejka, South Shops

Victor Medunycia, North Park

Jackie Pritt, Rail District North

Lee Ross, District C

Thomas Sims, 77th Street

Jerome Smith, 77th Street

Howard Spann Jr., Archer

John Theus Jr., Schedules

Willie Williams Jr., District A

40 Years

James Durr, Communications Mtc.

Edward Superczynski, Elect. Mtc. South

35 Years

Catherine Corcoran, Treasury

Wilbert Dohrmann, Forest Glen

William Kelly, Douglas/Congress

30 Years

Donald Budoff, Stores

Gerald Doherty, North Park

Harold Frelwald, Beverly

Samuel Highsmith Jr., Forest Glen

Joseph Maloney, Kedzie

George O'Donnell, Archer

Roosevelt Russell, 69th Street

Willie Shelton, North Section

Lawrence Thigpen, North Park

25 Years

Isaac Clark, 69th Street

George Knowles, 69th Street

Hurman Mathus, District A

William Melfi, Forest Glen

Peter Naughton Jr., Rail Dist. West

Phillip Purdie, Archer

George Sanders, 69th Street

Gunta Tapins, West Section

Joseph Vallier III, Ashland/61/95

Eugene Wellington, Kedzie

South Shops gets Inside News reporter

Meet **Percy Harrell**, *Inside News* reporter for South Shops, where he is assigned to the Body Shop as a carpenter. Harrell, who joined CTA in 1974, has aspirations for reporting on major events at South Shops, and their impact on employees.

He would like to call his report "Shop Talk," which he said will include a "shop salute" of two employees each month, and highlight their CTA careers.

South Shops personnel with items which they think may be of interest to *Inside News* should contact Harrell on **Extension 216** at the Body Shop area.

Harrell is a former motorman, conductor and switchman. He attended Olive Harvey college where he majored in Industrial Arts. He is married and is the father of two children.



IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude Anderson, 88, Traffic, Emp. 9-7-39, Died 10-21-87
Harry W. Antonion, 92, 61st Street, Emp. 9-6-17, Died 10-9-87
Mary Avallone, 88, West Section, Emp. 6-3-47, Died 11-11-87
William S. Bennis, 80, Archer, Emp. 6-26-43, Died 10-5-87
Robert S. Benson, 79, Transportation, Emp. 7-2-42, Died 9-14-87
Charles A. Bonow, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 3-6-29, Died 10-20-87
Daniel J. Coughlin, 77, Transportation, Emp. 12-10-40, Died 10-28-87
John Coyle, 72, Transportation, Emp. 6-1-72, Died 10-12-87
Charles P. Derrick, 72, Transportation, Emp. 11-18-42, Died 10-25-87
Emily J. Dillon, 74, Transportation, Emp. 1-30-42, Died 10-31-87
Lillian Edel, 73, North Section, Emp. 1-30-42, Died 10-24-87
Otto Ertl, 73, Transportation, Emp. 12-16-47, Died 11-16-87
Christian Evenson, 73, Claims Law, Emp. 6-13-77, Died 10-7-87
George B. Fiezel, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-29-25, Died 11-7-87
Johan Franciscovich, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-22-30, Died 11-22-87
John Frugo, 86, Transportation, Emp. 1-8-23, Died 10-8-87
George J. Geins, 67, Veh. Maint., Emp. 4-1-82, Died 11-19-87
Allen Gilgs, 75, Transportation, Emp. 2-1-54, Died 11-14-87
David S. Guereca, 60, Equip. Engr./Maint., Emp. 6-18-47, Died 10-20-87

William C. Gurgel, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-17-20, Died 11-2-87
Charles W. Johnson, 86, North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42, Died 10-1-87
Victor J. Juknius, 73, Transportation, Emp. 7-12-42, Died 10-26-87
David Kelly, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 11-16-36, Died 10-21-87
Frank Kolcz, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 3-20-46, Died 10-2-87
Peter Kondratuk, 75, Veh. Maint., Emp. 9-13-44, Died 11-13-87
Jack Lapidus, 78, District D, Emp. 1-12-42, Died 11-21-87
William A. Lawson, 56, 69th Street, Emp. 10-14-57, Died 10-8-87
Thomas J. Lenihan, 76, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-23-87
John J. Madigan, 70, Elect. Maint., Emp. 2-3-43, Died 10-27-87
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Flowers Mason, 70, Transportation, Emp. 1-29-51, Died 10-7-87
Steven Mattes, 79, South Shops, Emp. 6-7-26, Died 10-14-87
Edward McWilliams, 82, Archer, Emp. 11-7-33, Died 10-7-87
Cordell McWorter, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 8-28-51, Died 10-1-87
Walter H. Messer, 91, Electrical, Emp. 12-21-21, Died 10-11-87
Raymond Michalski, 58, West Shops, Emp. 8-1-50, Died 10-8-87
John G. Milos, 87, Transportation, Emp. 5-9-42, Died 10-30-87

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Jackson D. Smith, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 2-7-47, Died 10-17-87
Matthew Smith, 79, Building Division, Emp. 11-14-45, Died 10-10-87
Duane D. Thompson, 57, Transportation, Emp. 8-30-67, Died 11-9-87
Harold Thompson, 91, Transportation, Emp. 1-14-43, Died 10-6-87
Thomas Togher, 62, Maintenance, Emp. 9-17-48, Died 11-5-87
Joseph Turano, 91, Track, Emp. 9-27-22, Died 10-26-87
Joseph Varga, 75, North Park, Emp. 8-29-52, Died 11-20-87
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Earl H. Washington, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 2-25-49, Died 11-9-87
Samuel Wilson, 85, South Shops, Emp. 7-2-28, Died 10-24-87
Clifford A. Wunch, 70, Veh. Maint., Emp. 2-16-48, Died 11-9-87

CPR training saves a life at Archer station

CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] is a heart-to-heart life-saving technique that works.

Just ask three Archer garage employees, **Joseph Neely** and **Robert Powers**, bus repairers, and **Rodney Lance**, assistant foreman. The men had been trained in CPR programs and were attending a retirement party when they were unexpectedly put to the test.

The party's honoree, **Anthony Blazeovich**, collapsed from an apparent heart attack. True to their training, Neely, Powers, and Lance responded quickly, administering CPR to the stricken Blazeovich.

They continued their life-saving technique until paramedics were summoned to the scene.

Neely, Powers, and Lance were nominated for the Maintenance employees' award program, "Day in CTA", for their life-saving deed. The three employees enjoyed a luncheon in the exclusive M&M



Archer garage assistant foreman **Rodney Lance** (left), **Robert Powers** (center), and **Joseph Neely**, Archer bus repairers, used their CPR training to save a new retiree's life when he was stricken by a heart attack at his retirement party.

Club in the Merchandise Mart, and a tour of the CTA's Control Center.

"The value of CPR training, learned at other locations, has led CTA to begin its own CPR training program as part of its bus maintenance training program," said **Jim Dudley**, supervisor of In-

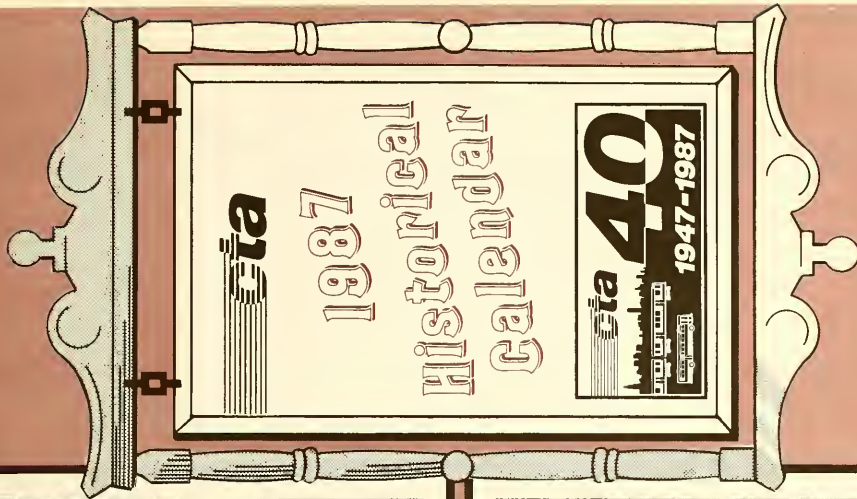
dustrial Safety, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance Department.

[Editor's note: Although his co-workers were successful in their efforts to revive Mr. Blazeovich when he was stricken at his retirement celebration, he subsequently suffered a fatal heart attack at his home a month later.]

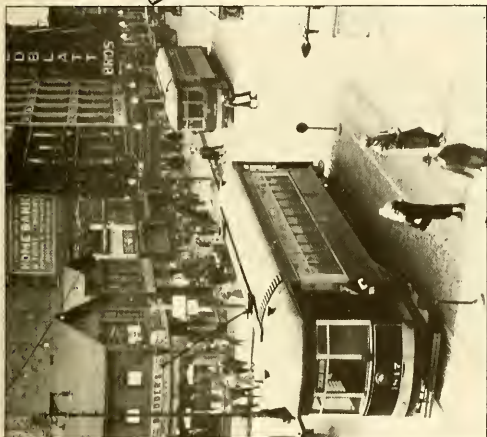
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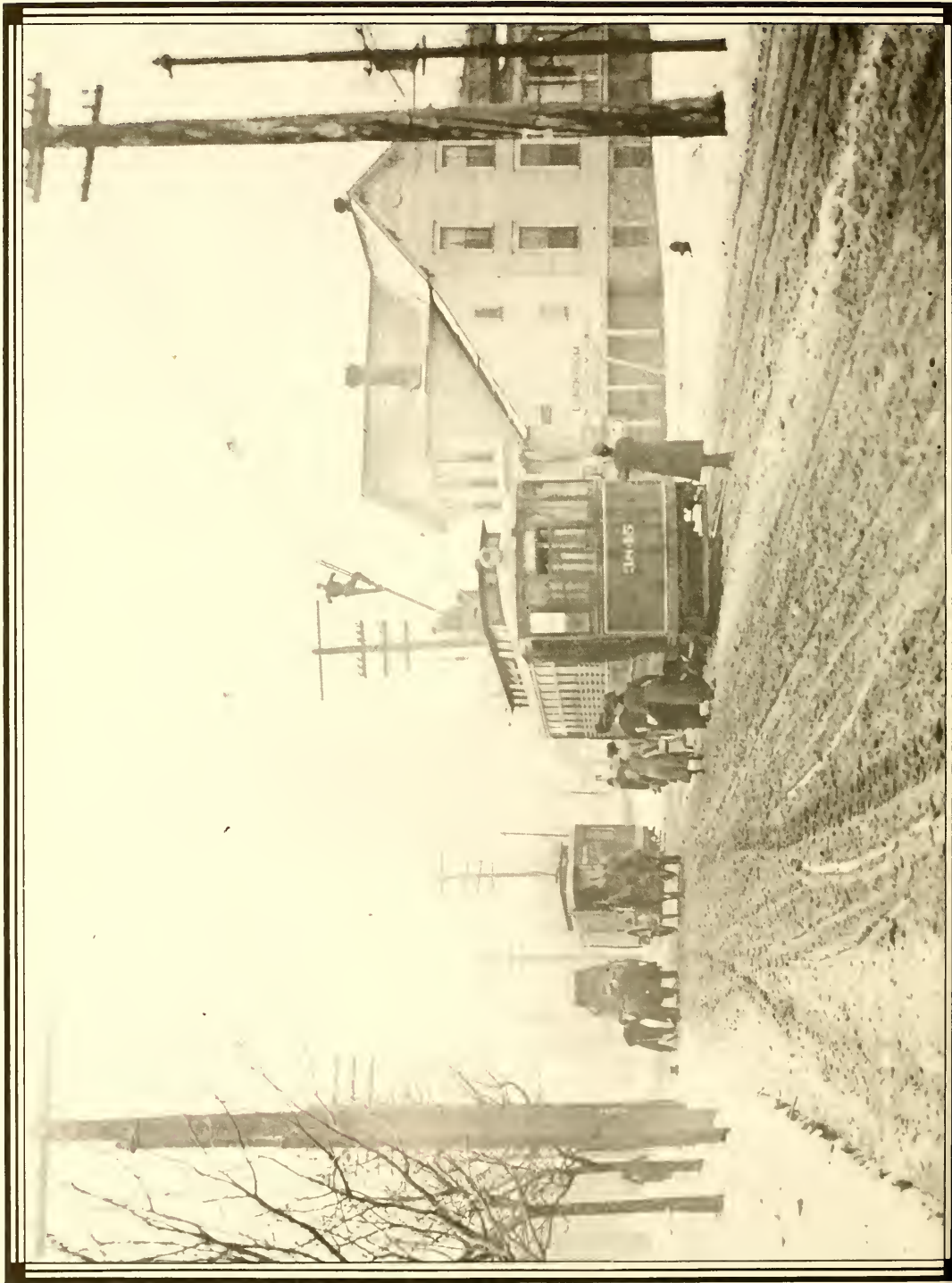


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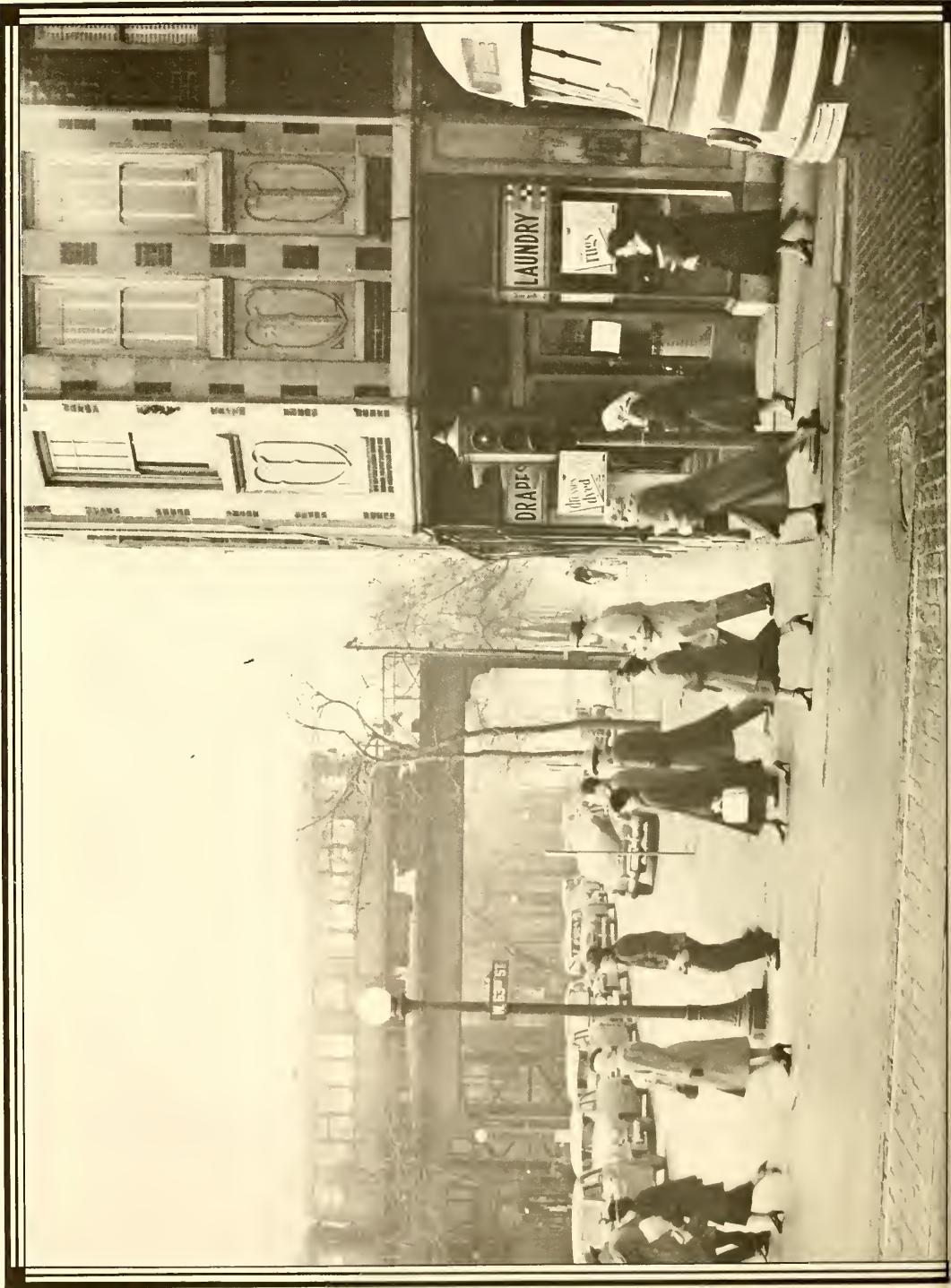


In the distance is a Clark Street car on the same track, ready to head downtown and to the South Side along Wentworth Avenue.

January 1987

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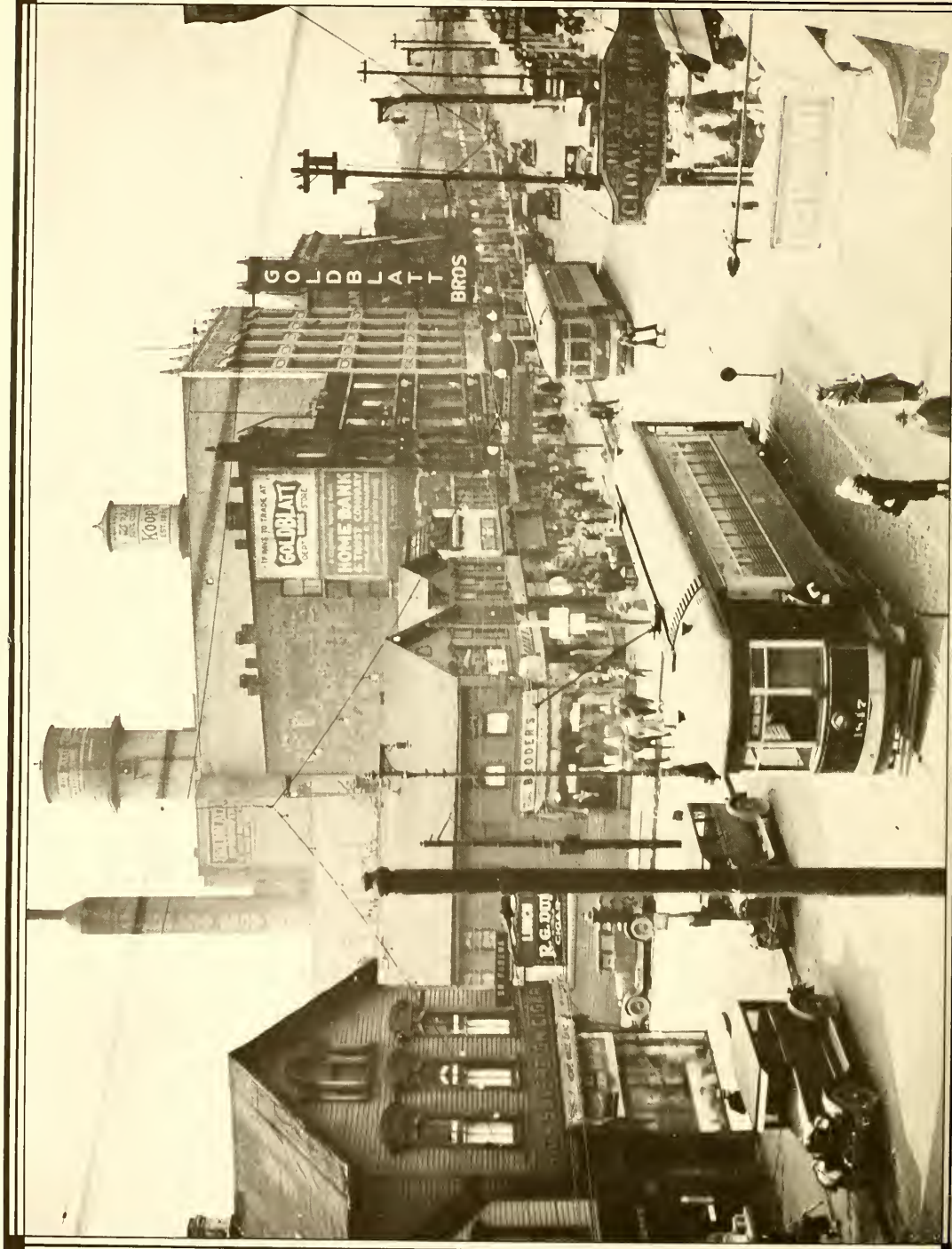


Northbound Outer Drive limited prepares to turn east from Sheridan into Foster in the late 1940's, when Foster was still the northern limit of Lake Shore Drive. The northbound Chicago Motor Coach bus may have been a No. 51 Sheridan local, which also used double-deckers.

March 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8 D	9 E	10 F	11 G	12 A	13 B	14 C
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22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E	26 F	27 G	28 A
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Ashland Avenue had not yet been widened in this early 1920's view looking west on Chicago Avenue. In the foreground, on its way to Austin, is Car 1847, which was built by Chicago Railways Co. in 1913. In the distance, west of Paulina, is the Metropolitan West Side 'L' structure.

April 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

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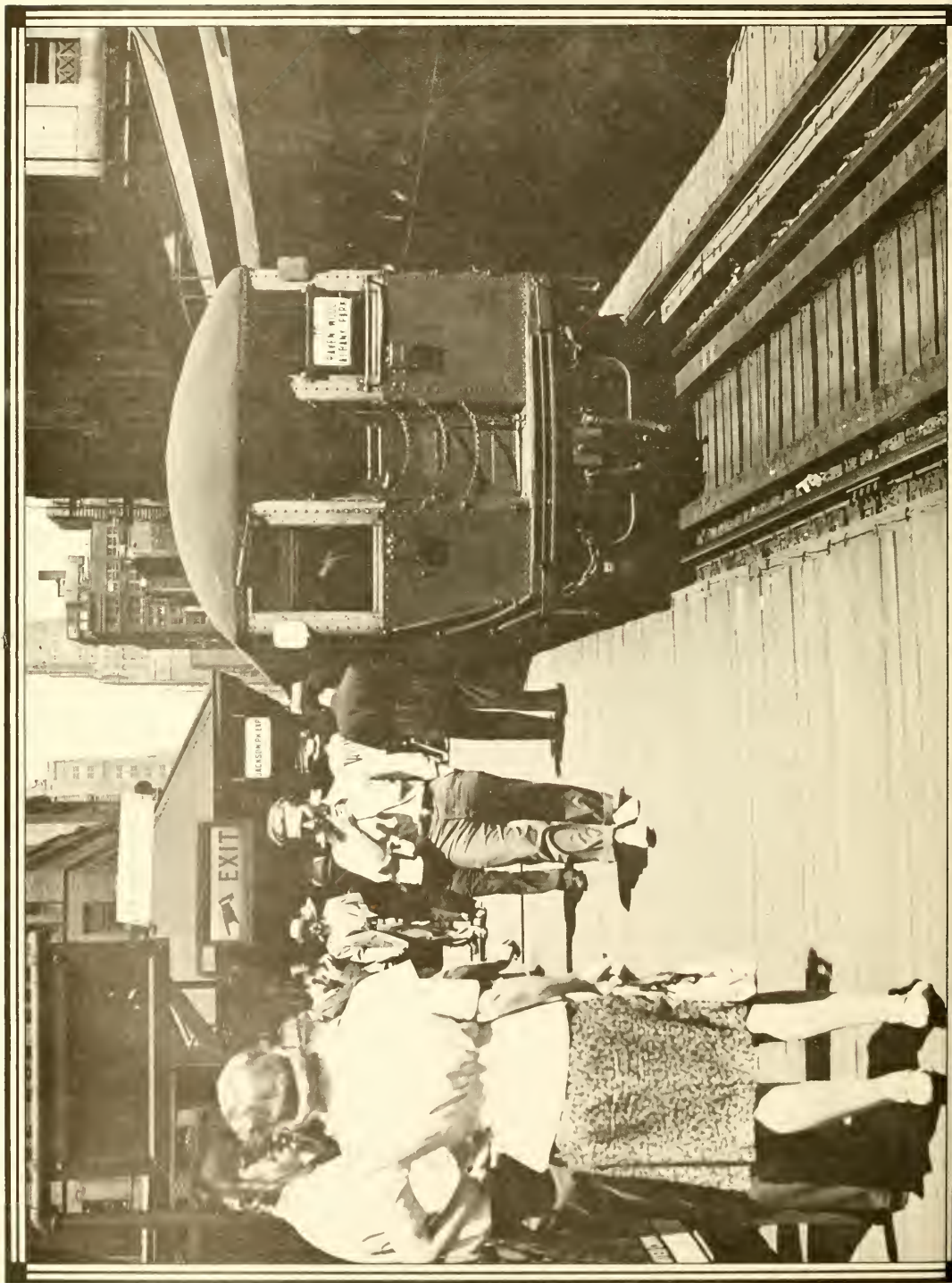


delivered to CTA in 1948. The 79 buses required for service on Central during peak hours were the most needed on any trolley route.

May 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

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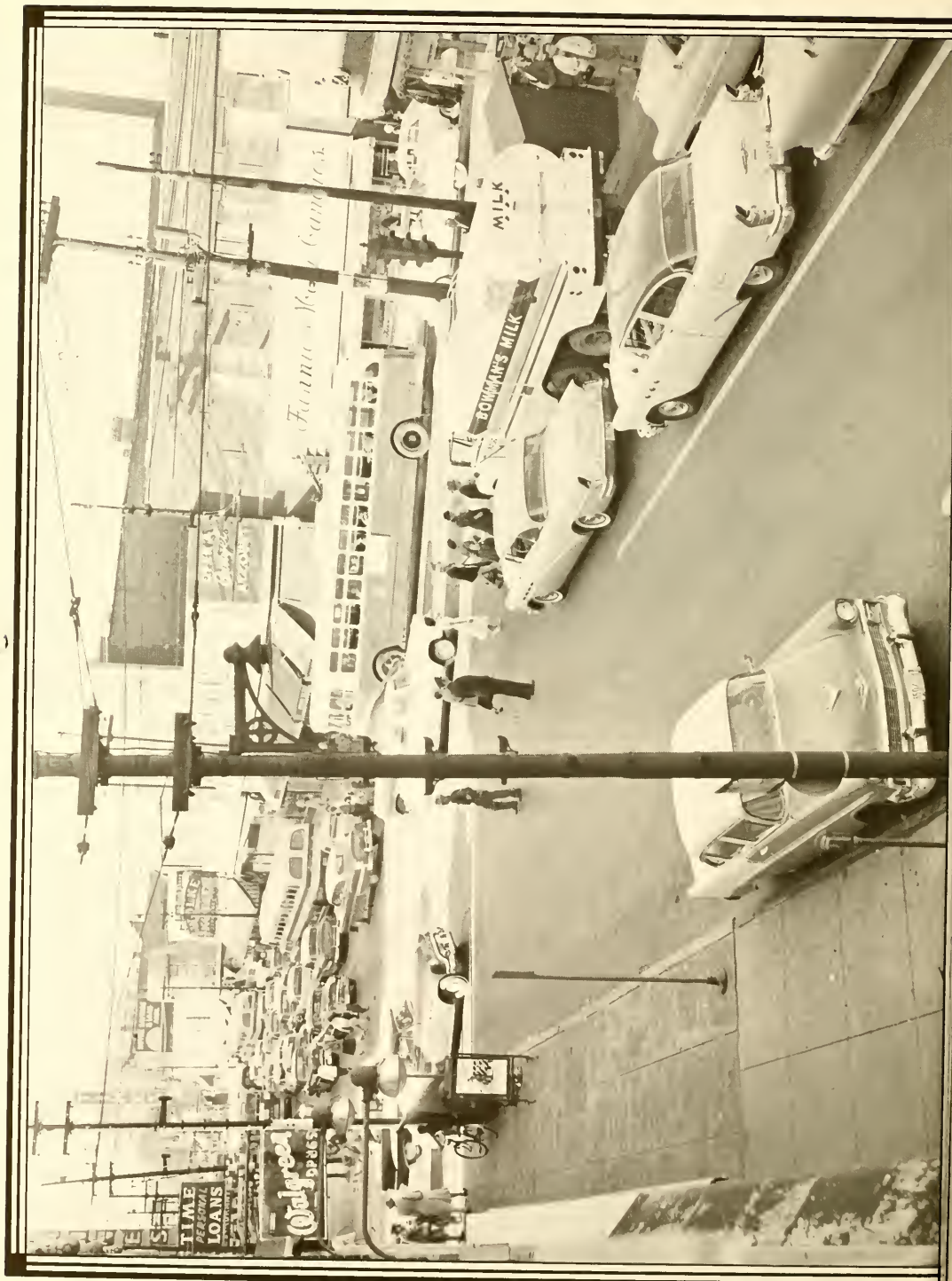


Before the state street subway was opened in 1943, all trains from the North Side entered downtown on the Outer Loop. Semi-remote door controls adorn the front of this all-steel Ravenswood train at Quincy. Marker lights and a portable headlight were attached only for night service.

June 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

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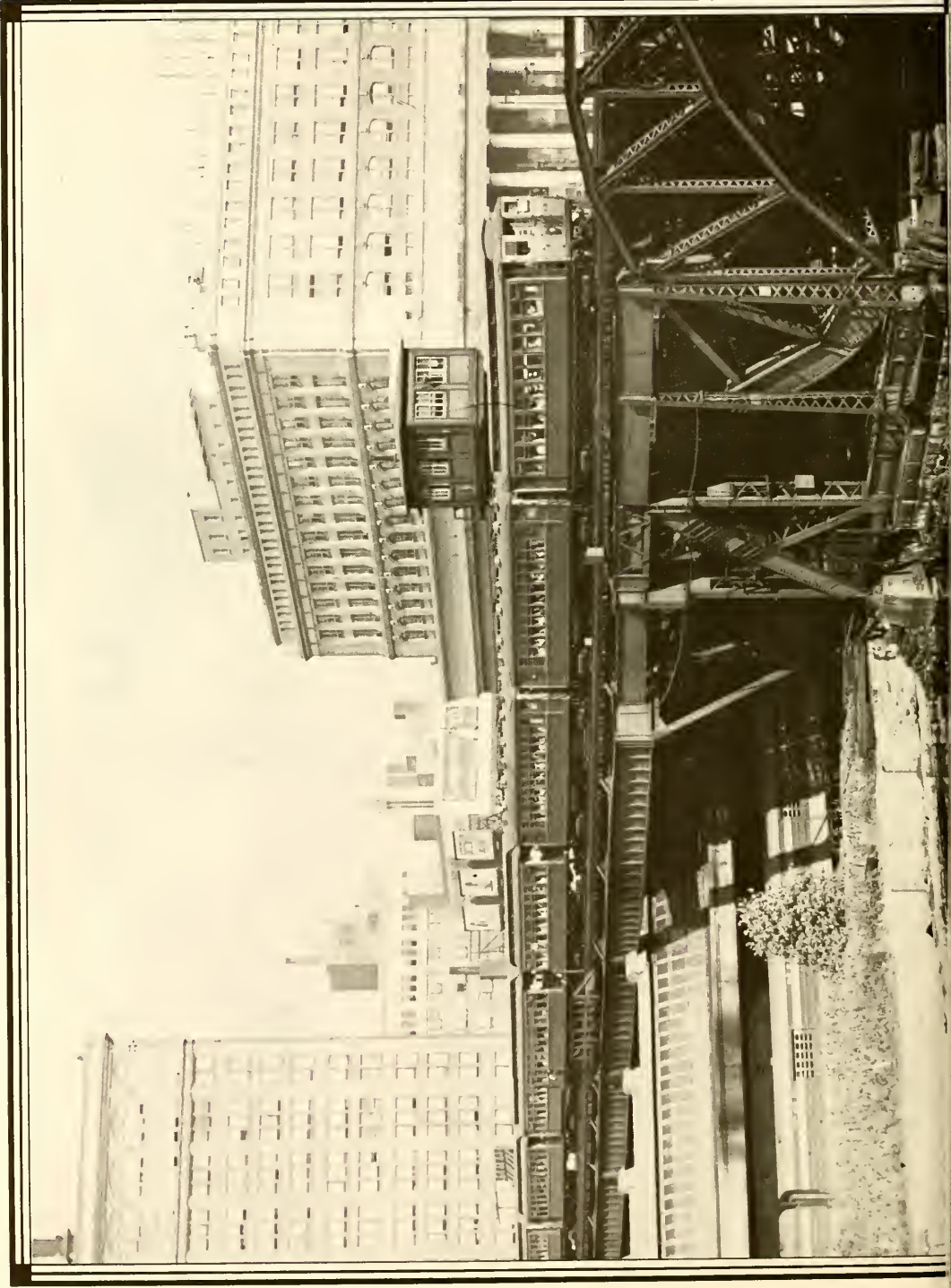


July 1987

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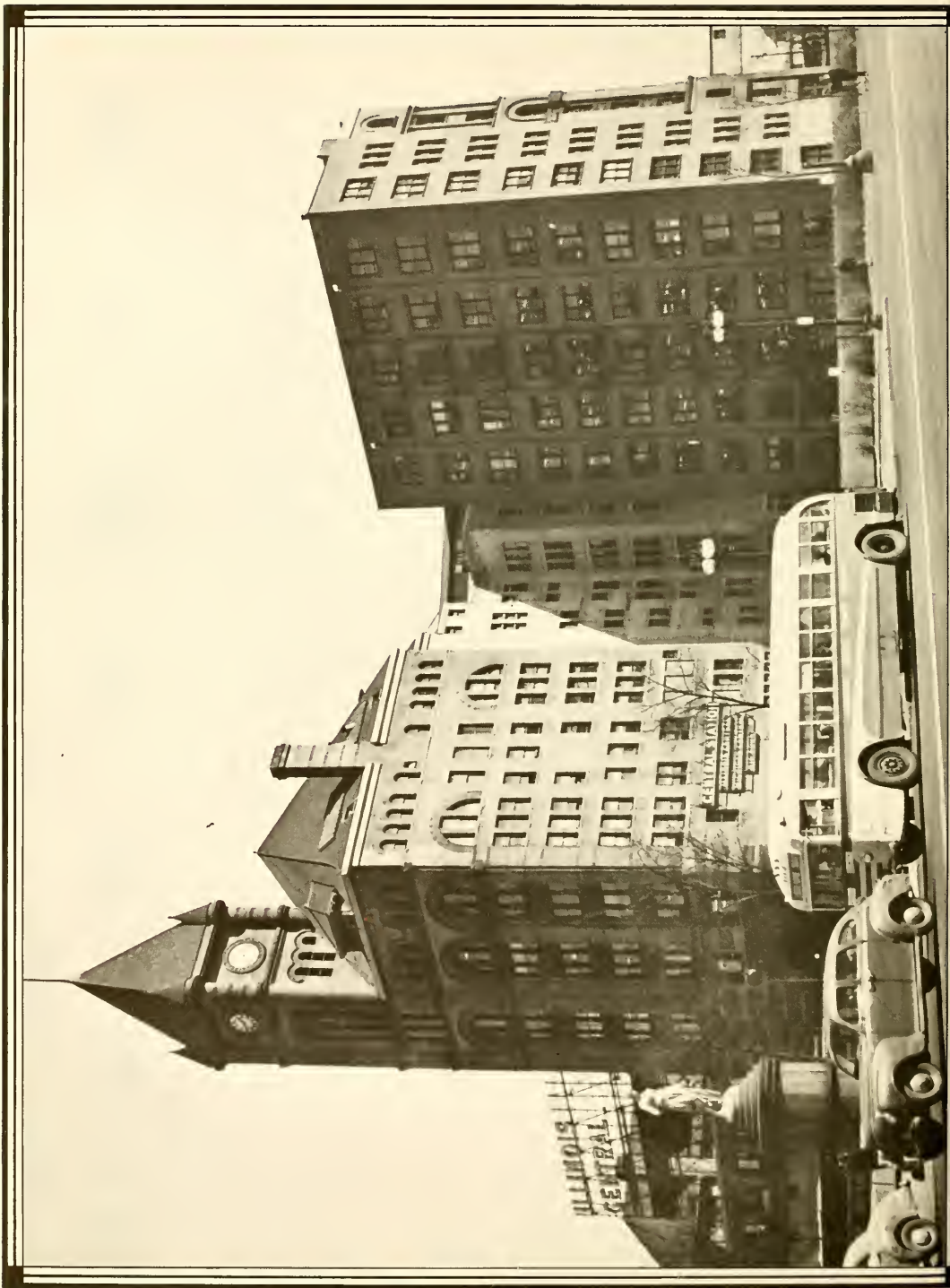
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August 1987

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G	A					



in this mid-1940's view at Roosevelt, where the Illinois Central Railroad had its offices and inter-city passenger depot from 1893 until 1974.

September 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 B	2 C	3 D	4 E	5 F
6 F	7 G Labor Day	8 A	9 B	10 C	11 D	12 E
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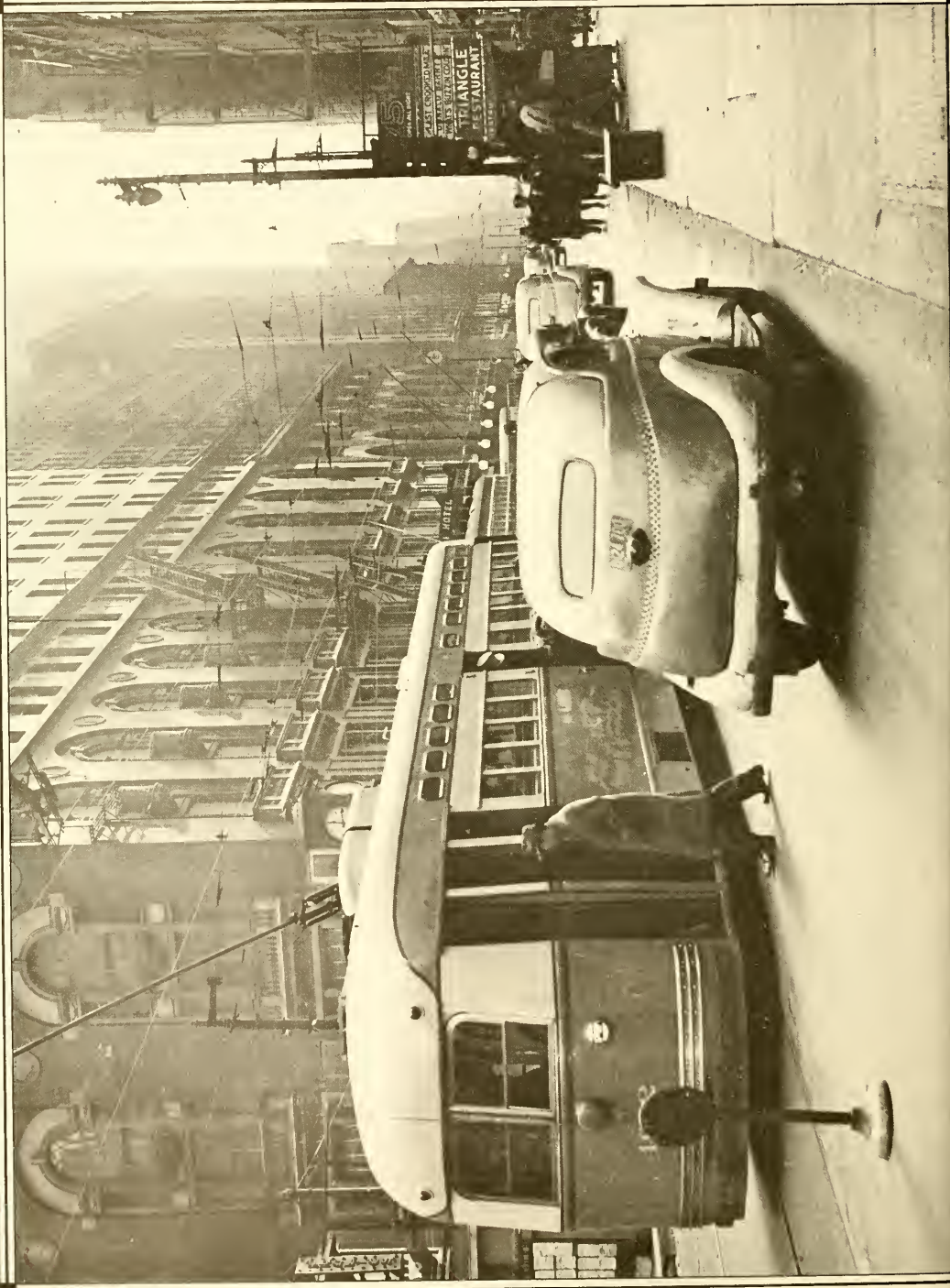


Archer local streetcar pulls away southbound, while riders board a White bus on the newly established Archer Express route at the curb.

October 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

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						United Nations Day
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						Halloween



November 1987**Chicago Transit Authority**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 E	2 F	3 G	4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D
8 D	9 E	10 F	11 G Veteran's Day	12 A	13 B	14 C
15 C	16 D	17 E	18 F	19 G	20 A	21 B
22 B	23 C	24 D	25 E	26 F Thanksgiving Day	27 G	28 A
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December 1987

Chicago Transit Authority

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28	29	30	31	Christmas Day	
						

1947

Oct. 1 CTA began operations after purchasing the properties of two privately owned bankrupt companies, the Chicago Surface Lines (for \$51 million) and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company (for \$12,162,000).

1948

Mar. 27 Buses were substituted for trains on the Skokie 'L' route.

Apr. 5 The first rapid transit skip-stop ('A' and 'B') service began on the Lake route.

1949

Sept. 12 Burnside car barn (93rd St. and Drexel Ave.), built in 1890 by the Calumet Electric Street Railway Company in connection with its operation of the first overhead trolley system in Chicago, was closed.

Dec. 4 Beverly bus garage was opened (1345 W. 103rd Street).

1950

May 29 North Park bus garage was opened (3112 W. Foster Avenue).

July 25 The last closed-stop double-decker bus was operated (Hyde Park route) by the Chicago Motor Coach Co.

July 27 500 propane (liquefied gas) buses (#5000-5499) were ordered from Twin Coach Company, of Kent, Ohio, making CTA the first transit company to order an entire fleet of propane buses.

Sept. 7 349 trolley buses (#413-761, later 9413-9761) were ordered from Marmon-Herrington Company, of Indianapolis, the largest trolley bus order ever placed by a U.S. transit company.

Sept. 17 The first of a total of 770 all-metal rapid transit cars (#41-50 and 6001-6726), built by St. Louis Car Company, of St. Louis, were placed in service on the Logan Square 'L' route.

1951

Jan. 21 Elston Avenue became the first CTA route to be completely equipped with propane buses.

Feb. 25 Dearborn Street subway was opened.

Dec. 9 Westchester rapid transit service was replaced by buses.

1952

May 4 Humboldt Park 'L' service was discontinued.

June 1 CTA began consolidating all executive and operating offices in the Merchandise Mart.

Oct. 1 CTA formalized the purchase of the Chicago Motor Coach Company for \$16,431,000.

1953

Sept. 20 Garfield Park 'L' trains began operating at street-level on Van Buren Street between Sacramento Avenue and Aberdeen

CTA Historical Highlights

1963

Oct. 1 CTA opened a new bus overhaul facility at South Shops.

Dec. 30 Right-of-way between Howard terminal and Dempster Street, Skokie, was purchased from the Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad for new Skokie Swift service.

1964

Apr. 20 Skokie Swift service began operations, becoming the first rapid transit project to receive a demonstration and capital improvement grant from the federal government.

May 11 The first CTA bus service to O'Hare International Airport began from Logan Square rapid transit terminal.

June 15 The first of 180 "New Look" air-conditioned rapid transit cars (#2000-2180), built by Pullman-Standard Company, of Chicago, were placed in service on the Lake route.

1965

Aug. 18 The Illinois State Legislature authorized the first reimbursement to CTA for its long-standing program of providing reduced fares for students in elementary and high schools.

1967

June 19 A new rapid transit inspection and service shop was opened at Harlem terminal on the Lake route.

Nov. 30 The first electronic cab signaling was installed on the Lake rapid transit route.

1969

Apr. 20 The first reduced fare for senior citizens took effect for those riding between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 7 a.m. until midnight on Sundays and holidays.

May 6 Service on the Englewood rapid transit route was extended from Loomis to Ashland with the opening of a modern station terminal at Ashland.

Sept. 28 Rapid transit service began in the median of the Dan Ryan Expressway, and the newly merged Lake-Dan Ryan route used the first of 150 air-conditioned cars (#2201-2352) built by The Budd Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Nov. 9 An exact fare system was established on the first 28 CTA bus routes.

1970

Feb. 1 Service began on the Kennedy rapid transit extension from Logan Square to a new terminal at Jefferson Park. Express bus service was inaugurated from the Jefferson Park Transit Center to O'Hare International Airport.

Mar. 12 A new bus monitoring system was placed into operation at the Merchandise Mart.

June 29 The Northwest Passage was opened, providing an enclosed walkway and escalators between the North Western

1976

Jan. 6 CTA's last propane bus (#B715) was operated on the No. 22 Clark route.

Oct. 6 Inaugural runs were made on the first of 200 new (sliding door) rapid transit cars (#2401-2600) from the Boeing Vertol Company, of Philadelphia.

Oct. 14 The first of an experimental program for 100 CTA bus shelters was erected at Chicago Avenue and Fairbanks Court.

1977

Jan. 20 Federal grants were made to the Chicago Department of Public Works for extending the Kennedy rapid transit route to O'Hare International Airport and transforming State Street in the downtown area into a transit mall.

May 29 CTA began Culture-Bus service on Sundays and holidays, initially serving seven downtown area and South Side museums.

Aug. 7 An expanded and modernized CTA Control Center was opened in the Merchandise Mart.

1978

Feb. 6 A new rush-period express bus service was begun from the Midway Airport parking lot to the Loop with inauguration of the No. 990 Midway Park 'N' Ride bus route.

Feb. 16 The Combined Insurance Company of America became the first Chicago firm to offer employees the opportunity to buy new CTA monthly riding passes.

Oct. 13 The final 230 of CTA's fleet of buses were equipped with a two-way radio communications system, a silent emergency alarm, and an automatic bus-locator system.

1979

Feb. 24 CTA placed in service the first five of 20 articulated ("Big Bend") buses (#7000-7019) ordered from M.A.N. (Maschinenfabrik Augsburg-Nürnberg), of Munich, West Germany.

Oct. 29 State Street Transit Mall was opened.

Nov. 26 CTA began selling monthly passes to individuals.

1980

Aug. 31 Reverse-flow lanes for buses only were opened on Adams Street and Jackson Boulevard in the downtown area.

1981

Apr. 3 Inaugural runs were made on the first of 300 (later 600) new (sliding door) rapid transit cars (#2601-3200) from The Budd Company, of Philadelphia.

Sept. 13 Reverse-flow bus lanes were opened on Washington and Madison Streets in the downtown area.

Sept. 20 CTA began a special service for the mobility limited, using life-equipped buses (#7010-7119) from Sheller-Globe Corp., Superior/Luma Division, of Lima, Ohio.

Oct. 4 Dollar bills were no longer accepted for payment of fares on CTA buses, as part of a "Ban the Buck" campaign aimed at

Oct. 19 The existing right-of-way between the Pacific Railroad for \$7 million.

1954

Jan. 7 Right-of-way of the Garfield Park 'L' route between Laramie Avenue, Chicago, and Desplaines Avenue, Forest Park, was purchased by CTA from the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway for \$1 million.

Jan. 29 Normal Park 'L' branch service was discontinued.

May 30 The last red streetcars were replaced by buses on the Lake and Cermak routes.

1955

Jan. 16 All transit operations were ended at Blue Island car barn (2201 W. 24th Street).

Oct. 11 Garfield Park 'L' trains began using the former Wells Street terminal as a temporary connection with the Loop 'L', allowing demolition of old structure for construction of Wacker Drive.

Dec. 4 Forest Glen garage opened (5419 W. Armstrong Avenue).

1957

Sept. 7 Devon car barn (6454 N. Clark Street) and Rosemont garage (1124 W. Rosemont Avenue) were closed.

Oct. 7 Stockyards 'L' service was replaced by bus service.

Dec. 1 Kenwood branch 'L' service was discontinued, along with the last wood-steel cars that were used on the branch.

1958

June 21 Chicago's last streetcar in regular service (Green Hornet No. 7213) made its final run (Wentworth route).

June 22 Rapid transit operations began in the median strip of the Congress (later Eisenhower) Expressway, marking the first use of rail transit on a highway route.

1960

Nov. 6 The first train-phone system ever installed for regular use on an urban transit system was placed in operation on North-South routes, providing direct communication with Operations Control in the Merchandise Mart.

1961

Apr. 19 Four-track operation was begun through the Wilson Avenue station area on the North-South rapid transit route.

May 8 The first ten of 150 General Motors "New Look" buses (#300-449) were placed in service on the No. 21 Cermak route.

1962

July 27 A rapid transit inspection and service shop was opened at the Desplaines terminal on the Congress route.

Oct. 28 Operations began on the newly elevated portion of the Lake rapid transit route along the Chicago & North Western right-of-way between Laramie Avenue, Chicago, and Harlem Avenue, Oak Park.

Oct. 19 The existing right-of-way between the Pacific Railroad for \$7 million.

1972

Aug. 11 The first of 525 air-conditioned diesel buses (#1000-1524), built by General Motors, of Pontiac, Michigan, were placed in service at Archer garage.

Nov. 5 Reduced fare for senior citizens was extended to all hours.

1973

Mar. 25 Keeler garage (4221 W. Diversey Avenue), built as a boiler factory in 1923, and purchased ten years later by the Chicago Motor Coach Company, was closed.

Mar. 25 CTA's last trolley buses were operated on the No. 53 Pulaski and No. 54 Cicero routes.

Sept. 10 CTA established four bus routes in Evanston, replacing service operated earlier by the Evanston Bus Company.

Nov. 5 The first of 545 air-conditioned diesel buses (#7400-7944), built by General Motors, were placed in service.

Nov. 8 Evanston rapid transit service was changed from overhead trolley to third rail power, allowing retirement of the last of CTA's 4000 series cars, which were 50 years of older.

Dec. 12 The Regional Transportation Authority Act was signed into law by Governor Dan Walker, providing public financial assistance to supplement fare collections for paying operating costs of the CTA, commuter railroads, and suburban bus operators in the six-county metropolitan area.

1974

Jan. 7 CTA placed into effect a one-hour transfer, permitting unlimited use of the 10-cent transfer within one hour of the time punched, with more time permitted for continuous travel in the same direction, as before.

Mar. 10 CTA began offering bargain fares on Sundays.

Mar. 19 The establishment of a Regional Transportation Authority won approval by referendum.

June 2 CTA began experimental use of a Sunday "Super Transferpass," permitting unlimited riding for a single fare.

June 17 The first woman bus operator was hired by CTA.

Aug. 1 CTA's travel information service was expanded to provide information on travel throughout metropolitan Chicago.

Aug. 29 CTA hired its first two women for rapid transit service.

1975

June 26 New bus servicing facilities were opened at 77th Street.

Sept. 4 Delivery was begun on CTA's largest-ever order for 600 air-conditioned diesel buses (#800-9599) from General Motors.

Mar. 12 Jackson Park rapid transit service was temporarily suspended south of 61st Street because of a structural defect in the Dorchester bridge over the ICG tracks.

Apr. 18 A skip-stop test program was begun on State Street north of Grand Avenue to speed bus service.

July 12 CTA retired as scheduled the last of \$135 million in revenue bonds that were issued in 1947, 1952, and 1953.

Oct. 15 CTA introduced 20 new lift-equipped buses (#150-169) for the mobility limited that were built by Carpenter Body Works, of North Vernon, Indiana, and distributed by Lawson National Distributing Company, of Houston, Texas, the first minority firm to receive a contract for vehicle delivery from a major transit agency.

Dec. 12 Jackson Park rapid transit service was resumed as far as University station after a \$2 million rehabilitation project.

1983

Feb. 27 Service began on the O'Hare rapid transit extension from Jefferson Park to River Road station.

1984

June 29 Kedzie bus garage was opened (358 S. Kedzie Avenue).

Sept. 3 The final segment of the O'Hare rapid transit extension was opened from River Road to the O'Hare terminal.

1985

Apr. 1 New fareboxes from General Farebox Inc., of Elk Grove Village, that accept dollar bills and count fares, were placed in service on the first 134 CTA buses (Beverly garage).

June 11 The first of 362 standard-sized buses (#4000-4361), built by M.A.N. Truck and Bus Co., of Charlotte, North Carolina, and featuring digital electronic destination signs and sliding sash and standee windows, were placed in service (Kedzie garage).

Aug. 4 The first of 199 new buses (#9800-9974 and 1600-1624), with sliding windows and roof vents, built by Flyer Industries Ltd., of Winnipeg, Manitoba, were placed in service (Beverly garage).

Aug. 18 Service for disabled riders, contracted by CTA to four local transportation companies, began for subscription riders.

Sept. 8 Bus operations began in the same direction as other City Council ordered an end to reverse-flow bus lanes.

1986

Jan. 10 The last CTA buses (Forest Glen garage) were equipped with fareboxes that accept dollar bills.

Feb. 9 In conjunction with new fare rates, CTA changed transfer regulations to allow use of transfers on two additional routes, but not on the route of purchase.

Mar. 27 CTA began selling 14-day riding passes.

Apr. 20 Reverse-flow lanes were eliminated on Adams Street and Jackson Boulevard in the downtown area.

Aug. 3 A test program began at Morse Avenue station on the North-South route to require exact fares for rapid transit riders.

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The Spirit of Chicago



CTA Chairman Walter H. Clark (center) congratulates motorman Robert Sundin (left) of Howard Terminal, and Beverly bus operator

Delbert Ashford after presenting them the first Spirit of Chicago awards at the regular meeting of the CTA Board.

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Awards

A Beverly bus operator and a Howard street motorman were the first CTA employees to receive the newly implemented Spirit of Chicago citation awarded by CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark**.

Operator **Delbert Ashford**, an employee for 18 years, and motorman **Robert Sundin**, who joined CTA in 1977, were cited at the February 3 Board meeting for heroism in conjunction with their individual responses in two separate life-threatening emergencies.

Ashford distinguished himself as a Spirit of Chicago award candidate when he rendered aid to a woman whom he observed holding her chest and gasping for breath.

...citation recognizes ...the best possible CTA service.

The bus operator was at 106th street and Avenue M, where his bus had been disabled, when he observed the woman having breathing difficulties. He immediately called the CTA Control Center, which alerted the Chicago Fire Department.

Motorman Robert Sundin brought his train to an abrupt halt at Washington street during the January 4 evening rush hour, avoiding a woman who had fallen onto the tracks. The Spirit of Chicago award is the 36-year-old motorman's fourth

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commendation in 15 months for outstanding performance in similar situations.

The Spirit of Chicago citation, awarded monthly, recognizes employees who take exceptional measures to ensure that the general public receives the best possible CTA service.

A special Employee Recognition Task Force has been created to consider employees for the public recognition at CTA Board meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Merchandise Mart.

In order for an employee to be considered for this honor, managers should submit recommendations to the task force through their respective

deputy executive directors. The final recommendation to the chairman is made by the task force.

Selected employees are given dinner-for-two gift certificates. In cases where employees are being honored on their regular day off, they also receive an additional eight hours of pay.

Under Employee Recognition Task Force Guidelines, employees are considered for the special award for either heroism or outstanding community service. Outstanding or meritorious contributions to the community-at-large include work with religious, civic or charitable organizations, foster parenting or anti-drug campaigning efforts.



The

BUZZWORD

Candid answers to your questions
from Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

Q. Why doesn't CTA observe Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as an official holiday, with holiday service levels, that would give most of our employees the day off in remembrance of our greatest civil rights leader?

A. CTA does not operate a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day because the transit service demands of our riders throughout the Chicago area require a normal weekday schedule.

In 1986, CTA did operate holiday service with Sunday levels of service and publicized this policy well ahead of time. We received numerous complaints and inquiries from businesses that would be open and from riders who would have to get to work. In response, CTA added supplemental service, at a holiday overtime premium rate, which cost CTA more than 11,000 holiday overtime hours. Yet, we still experienced many problems with inadequate service levels that inconvenienced our riding public.

Revenues for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 1986, were 71% of average weekday revenues. Revenues for a typical Saturday are 51% of a typical weekday, and revenues for a typical Sunday [holiday schedule] are 21% of a typical weekday.

This indicates that the level of service required by the public far exceeds the reduced level of service that CTA could provide with a holiday schedule.

Therefore, CTA supports the national holiday in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a floating holiday, but we must also respond to the transit needs of our community and provide adequate service levels for our riders.

Q. What can be done to stem the tide of adverse publicity which we always seem to get?

A. The best way to negate bad publicity is good, sustained service. If all of us do our jobs well, the occasional mishaps will seem the exception rather than the perceived rule.

CTA employees and retirees may submit questions to: BUZZWORD, CTA Transit News, Room 734, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654. Only signed questions, 50 words or less, will be considered.

CTA Scholars



Archer garage bus operator Tom Collins recently received a masters degree in psychology with emphasis in guidance and counseling from Chicago State University. The 21-year CTA employee has aspirations for certification with the State of Illinois as an alcohol and substance abuse counselor, and plans to continue his education. Collins, the father of a teenage daughter, is a member of the executive board, Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

Betty M. Richman, acting superintendent, Quality Control, was graduated from Loyola University in January with a master of arts degree in instructional management.

She fulfilled requirements for the degree by writing a thesis on the subject, "Necessity of Theoretical Knowledge for Personnel Dealing with Sophisticated Technology in Rail Vehicle Maintenance." Ms. Richman holds a baccalaureate degree in education with a minor in chemistry from Northeastern Illinois University, and an associate engineering degree [state certified assistant in physics] from her native Germany.

Ms. Richman, who was an engineering technician, immigrated to the United States in 1960, and was employed as a technician, supervisor, and assistant departmental director at Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc. She taught in the Chicago public school system from 1976 until 1980 when she joined the Chicago Transit Authority as a training coordinator.



PROUD NEW COLORS



Brighter, bolder, more visible in traffic

The old familiar colors of cream and green which have decorated CTA's 2,275-bus fleet since 1947 will gradually disappear as the old vehicles are retired and replaced with new ones which have the latest official red, white, and blue decor.

Some 600 new buses already on order will have the shiny new colors when they are delivered. Meanwhile, crews at South Shops are expected to repaint at least 10 buses a week with the new colors.

The new livery is a compromise between public opinions collected by an October 1987 survey, and evaluation made by an internal CTA committee, according to Darwin Stuart, manager of Strategic Planning. While CTA celebrated its 40th Anniversary, a color survey was also being conducted at Daley Center Plaza, Division and Ashland avenue, the Ford City Shopping Center, and at 87th street and the Dan Ryan.

The survey offered the public five choices which were four variations of a white bus with red and blue graphics, and one silver bus with red, white and blue graphics.

The Strategic Planning manager said the survey produced no clear public choice of color scheme, but where a listed reason made a difference in bus color preference, "Brighter, Bolder," and "more Visible in Traffic" were chosen by over one-third of the respondents. "So we gave them brighter and bolder," said Stuart.

Stuart said the composite bus color scheme of a basic white bus with a broad blue strip and a thin red stripe down each side appeared to be a reasonable compromise. The panel on the bottom of each fender will be grey, and the CTA logo will appear above each front wheel and over the right front headlights.

ON THEIR TIME



Alexandra Eiva talks with Publications and Graphics editorial supervisor Rick Willis about her latest art exhibit near the promi-

nent display of two of her oil paintings, "Too Late to Fear" [left], and "Perkunas." Both works of art stand 6 feet, 4 inches by 3 feet, 8 inches.

Artist of international acclaim

"Dual artistry" describes the multi-faceted talent of CTA graphics designer **Alexandra Eiva**, who recently had five of her oil paintings exhibited at the 101 North Wacker building.

Far from the oil paintings of her avocation, Eiva's CTA position with Operations Training/Instruction, Training Development Section, includes drawing bus and train parts, illustrating CTA Operations instructional brochures for field employees, computer graphics for Board meetings, signage, logos and other in-house material. She is the designer of the official

CTA logo currently displayed on all the city's buses and trains.

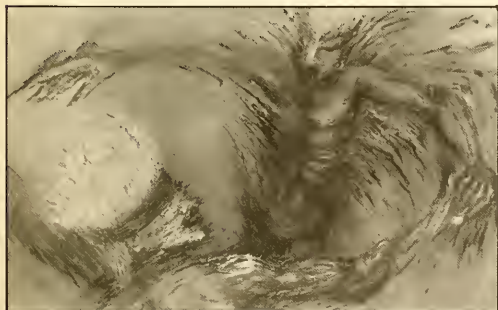
Chosen as designer of the 1987 CTA 40th Anniversary commemorative poster, Alexandra Eiva has been a CTA artist since 1981, following her graduation from the University of Chicago in 1980 with a masters degree in fine arts. At that time, she was awarded the MFA Midway Studios Prize and was featured at a solo show at the university's Renaissance Society.

Besides Chicago's Art Institute and other local galleries, Eiva's paintings have been exhibited since 1968 in some 50 museums and galleries, from New York and the nation's capital on the eastern shores to Los Angeles on the west coast, and as far north as Toronto.

Recently, in light of the Soviet Union's "glasnost policy," the USSR invited Eiva to include some of her work in an exhibition set to be displayed in several cities within the Soviet Union.

Described as a figurative artist, Eiva focuses on foreground figures in motion. Art critic and Chicago Landmarks Commission historical writer Tim Wittman said of Eiva's work, "It is extroverted in presentation. The subject matter is very introspective, has lots of tension, and multiple layers of meaning, and it is very exciting and very fresh."

"Its introspective content sets it apart from anything else being done. It is uniquely her own." Wittman added, "Her work has a lot of paint, but it is very satisfying. One can view it and come away satisfied."



Alexandra Eiva's painting, called Conjuror's Beginning, is one example of the figurative artist's foreground figures in motion. The 3-foot, 8-inch by 6-foot, 4-inch oil was one of five of Eiva's works exhibited recently at the 101 North Wacker Building.

Thanks for



Kenneth Martin [No. 74 Fullerton, Kedzie garage] was called "a real gentleman" by Stella Dakessian, of Fullerton Avenue. "He's very patient with senior citizens like myself. On one occasion, a lady with a lot of shopping bags was taking a while to get on the bus. He got up and helped her, and even found her a seat. I'm very proud of this gentleman. I hope he keeps up the good work."



Johnny Banks [No. 30 South Chicago, 77th Street garage] was thanked for his kindness by Ann Tintor, of East 95th Street. "As I reached the sidewalk after getting off the bus, I had a terrible fall that left me flat on my back. He and another man came to my assistance, lifted me up under my arms, and asked if I needed medical help. I truly want to thank him for his assistance and concern."



Eddie Murphy [No. 36 Broadway, Limits garage] was praised by Nikki Zollar, commissioner of the Board of Election. "He went out of his way to pull his bus up to a woman with a seeing-eye dog, and to inquire as to which bus she needed. He also was very kind to an elderly woman who literally every block asked if we had come yet to Division and Dearborn. His demeanor was pleasant and professional."



Orlando Santiago [No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express, North Park garage] was complimented by Elaine Sheahan, who rides his bus regularly to work at the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry. "I have never seen or heard him to be impolite or angry. He is always pleasant, polite, neat and gracious. He is indeed an asset to your organization, and deserves a real nice pat on the back."

Employees who received

Bernice Anderson, 77th Street
Victor Andrade, North Park
Hector Aquino, Forest Glen
Lee Aschoff, Forest Glen
Salah Atiq, Archer
Clarence Atkins III, 77th Street
Alberta Atwood, North Park

Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Jessie Barginear Jr., 69th Street
Iva Barnes, North Avenue
Edward Barry, Kedzie
Bobby Barry, North Park
Bruce Beck, Forest Glen
Darryl Bibbs, 77th Street
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Calvin Brown, Limits
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
John Brown, 69th Street
Wallace Brown, 77th Street
Richard Brown Jr., Forest Glen
Adrienne Butts, North Park

Jan Cage, North Park
Fred Caldwell, Kedzie
Rinaldo Cardenas, Forest Glen

Sergio Chevalier, Archer
Marion Collins, North Park
Robert Cook, North Park
Elnora Curry, Limits

Vincent Dawson, Limits
Robert Dering, West Section
James DeTomas, Howard/Kimball
Jose Diaz, Limits
Willie Done, Howard/Kimball
Clarence Dotson, Rail Sys. Jan. Svc.
Raymond Dowdy, Limits
Robert Dunning, Limits
John Dumell, Archer

Rosette Ewing, Howard/Kimball

James Fitzgerald, Limits
Robert Friestad, Limits

Phillip Gary Jr., 69th Street
Mario Garza, Beverly
David Gaston, North Park
James Gibson, 69th Street
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard/Kimball
Joseph Gillespie, Forest Glen
Darryl Gipson, Rail Sys. Jan. Svc.

David Gober, Archer
Raymond Gosha, Limits
Mildred Green, 69th Street
Zeferino Guerrero, North Park

Raymond Hamb, Archer
John Hanna, North Avenue
Charles Hausner, Howard/Kimball
Marcy Hawwat, Howard/Kimball
Sandalio Hechavarria, North Park
Cecelia Hendrickson, Forest Glen
Charles Hicks, Forest Glen
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
John Hopkins, 77th Street
Cedric Hopson, North Park
Kevin Houseworth, North Park
Stella Hunt, Jefferson Park

Donald Jackson, Limits
Zeke Jagst, North Park
William James, North Park
Willie James, North Park
Elijah Jamison, Howard/Kimball
Samuel Janke, North Park
David Jenkins, Limits

making their day!



Mary Thrower [conductor, Congress terminal] was commended by V. M. Bochnik, of Niles, who rode her train from Harlem [Kennedy] to the Loop. "It was a pleasure to listen to her announce the stations. Her voice was pleasant and subdued, giving listeners the impression that she took pride in what she was doing. Occasionally, she would also apprise passengers as to the time."



Vytautas Stukelis [No. 162 Pulaski/Stevenson Express, Archer garage] was regarded as "an exceptional driver" by Dawn Willing, of West 108th Street. "His attitude was cheerful. He thanked every rider as they put their money in the box. He called out upcoming stops well ahead of time, and cautioned passengers to watch their step. He even thanked us again as we exited. It was a most enjoyable ride."



Woodrow Williams [No. 41 Elston/Clybourn, Forest Glen garage] "is always pleasant, friendly and polite," according to Dale Roberts, of Belden Avenue. "With all of the equipment problems and delays, he has tried hard to keep as close to schedule as possible. He is extra-considerate of his passengers, and is an excellent driver. I ride his bus daily, and am always pleased by his sense of duty."



John Hanna [No. 82 Kimball/Homan, Lawndale garage] is noticed by Jacqueline Quinn, of Colfax Avenue. "The most enjoyable part of my journey to work [on three buses and an "L"] begins when I board this driver's bus. He is always courteous, and his personality warm and cheerful. He greets all boarding passengers with a smile and "Good morning," and when they depart, a hearty "Have a good day!"

commendations since our last listing

Jerry Jenkins, Archer
David Johnson Jr., Archer
Robert Jones, North Park
Alfred Jordan, Archer

Gustav Kappertz, Forest Glen
Walter Kenerson, 77th Street
Hosseinali Khalvati, North Park
Lemmy King, North Section

Warren Lattimore, Ashland Terminal
Robert Lawson, North Park
John Lee, Beverly
Joanne Loggins, Archer
Shirley Louis, North Avenue
Alexander Love, Kedzie

Marcelino Martinez, North Park
Charles McCalpin, North Park
Theodore McIntyre, Limits
Egor Medina, North Park
Frederick Moore, North Park
Howard Moore, 77th Street
James Moses Jr., Kedzie
Neil Motin, Forest Glen

Luis Ortega, Forest Glen
Willie Owens, Beverly

Viola Paschal, Kedzie
Ricky Plomin, Forest Glen

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Clyde Randolph, 69th Street
Elois Redding, Limits
Mickey Reeder, Archer
Pasquale Reina, Douglas/Congress
Anthony Reynolds, Archer
James Rivers, Limits
Ronald Roach, Ashland Terminal
Rudolph Roberts, 77th Street
Curtis Rogers, 77th Street
Lawrence Rosebar, Rail Dist. North
Charles Rutledge, Limits

Gary Sander, Forest Glen
Ismael Santos Jr., Forest Glen
Michael Schleyer, Forest Glen
Dana Shell, Limits
Jung Song, Forest Glen
Timothy Steinbeck, Build. & Wrg.
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street

Charles Swain, North Park
Thomas Szpekowski, Forest Glen

Rita Taylor, Limits
Robert Taylor, 69th Street
Talman Thomas, Forest Glen
Mary Thrower, Douglas/Congress
Charles Turner, 77th Street

Paul Vance Jr., Forest Glen
Amador Velez Sr., North Park

JoAnn Walker, Archer
Ronald Walker, Beverly
Willie Walker, North Park
Harry Ware Jr., North Park
Alex Watson Jr., Limits
James White, North Park
Rosie White, Limits
Raymond Wiley, 77th Street
Peter Willemsen, North Park
Andrew Windham, 77th Street

Herlinda Yanes, South Section
Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen



Seymour Motin



Juan Gonzalez



Walter Young



Matilda Bell



Diane Overstreet



William Platt



Frederick Schein



Harvey McClinton



Samuel Smith



Stein Gunderson



Randolph Simmons



William Lyke



Billie Mitchell



Paul Cerpa



Muriel Szykowny



John Trotta



Lynn Small



Kenyetta Haywood



Gary Melberg

Thirteen new promotions in the Operations Division were announced recently by Senior Deputy Executive Director **Frank Wilson**. Appointed to superintendent I, Bus Personnel, South were **Seymour Motin** and **Juan Gonzalez**, while **Walter Young** and **Matilda Bell** were named superintendent I, Bus Personnel, North. Appointed superintendent I, Transportation-Rail Personnel, North was **Diane Overstreet**. **William Platt** has been named superintendent III, Transportation-Bus Personnel, North. Selected as superintendent II, Transportation-Rail Personnel, North was **Frederick Schein**. **Harvey McClinton** is the new superintendent, Administrative Services, Administration and Performance Control, and **Samuel Smith** was appointed director, Bus Personnel. New supervisors of General Building Maintenance, North and South respectively, are **Stein Gunderson** and **Randolph Simmons**. Named supervisor, Mechanical Maintenance, Elec-

trical and Mechanical Maintenance was **William Lyke**. Promotions announced by Senior Deputy Executive Director of Administration **Gloria Chevere** include **Billie Mitchell**, superintendent, Buyers, Purchasing; **Paul Cerpa**, superintendent, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, DBE Program/Contract Compliance, and **Muriel Szykowny**, superintendent, Sales, Treasury. **John Trotta** was appointed supervisor, Grant Programs [Bus], Plans and Programs. **Lynn Small** is manager of Marketing in the Planning, Marketing and Development Division, and **Kenyetta Haywood** was named director, Grievance/Arbitration, Labor Relations.

Appointed manager, Management Development and Training, Human Resources and Benefit Services, was **Gary Melberg**. The appointment was made by Deputy Executive Director **Ben Garrett**.

MOVIN' ON UP



Minority entrepreneurs crack the books at DePaul University's College of Commerce and Center for Enterprise Development as

they learn the basics of doing business in the public sector.



DBE leads the way in vendor training

Doing business in the public sector requires a certain sophistication for cutting through red tape which so often hampers small businesses, particularly minority and women entrepreneurs.

Some 200 certified minority and female entrepreneurs, who have been in business for at least two years, are presently enrolled in a CTA [UMTA-funded] program being conducted by DePaul University's College of Commerce and the Center for Enterprise Development.

This training endeavor is providing CTA vendors and prospective vendors with the basic step-by-step process of developing strategic business plans, fine tuning marketing of products and/or services, and managing cash flow. Trainees are also receiving formalized training in accounting procedures, economics, venture capital acquisition and other matters of finance, as well as bid preparation and

writing, operations management, and the management of human resources. Each firm also receives individual consulting services for problems, concerns or issues relevant to its particular business.

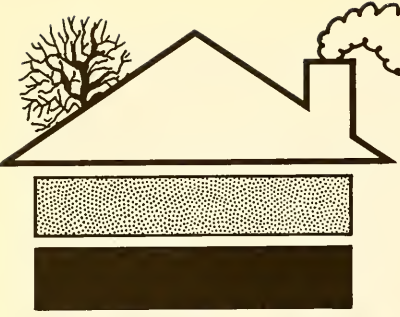
These students, representing about a third of CTA's certified minority and female-owned enterprises, are getting an overview of the art of communications, project management and sophisticated computer applications. They are also learning the details of business law, bonding law, insurance, and all the other necessities required of a bona fide vendor doing business with CTA.

Classes are held on Friday evenings and Saturday for 12 hours, on alternating weekends. Firms within the industries of professional services, material supply, construction, architecture and engineering are enrolled in the program.

The training, valued at \$3,500 per person, provides an opportunity to work in an academic environment with people who have been quite successful in both public and private contract bidding. What's more, the training is provided at no out-of-pocket expense to the selected trainees, since CTA is funding it through an Urban Mass Transportation Administration grant of nearly \$200,000.

Moreover, CTA benefits from this virtual self-help venture by providing home-groomed, qualified vendors ready to do business with CTA or any governmental agency or private concern.

Paul Cerpa, superintendent of CTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program section, said CTA will benefit from the program because it has taken the initiative to assist qualified minority and women entrepreneurs with the necessary tools to become competitive in the mainstream of their industries.



WEST SHOPS OPEN HOUSE



David Hillock, Acting Deputy Executive Director, Engineering & Maintenance, joins youngsters admiring trainboard layout.

Fred Jakubowski, service truck driver, Utility Department, and his daughter, Lorna, 4, pause by a tinsel bedecked vault truck during their Open House tour.



Charles [Chuck] Bell, supervisor, Field Support at West Shops, drives the minibus around the displays with a seated load in tow.



The second annual West Shops Open House was a real bell ringer.

Hundreds of CTA employees and their families braved icy cold weather to get to the repair and metal fabricating facility at Pulaski road and Lake street, and counted themselves fortunate to have toured the sprawling plant.

Open House hosts were **Gordon F. Brady**, director, Buildings and

Grounds; **Roy T. Smith**, director, Power and Way Maintenance, and **Jack Winkler**, director, Utility.

Visitors watched or walked through many attractive technical displays. Escalator repairers explained each machine and the thousands of moving parts. Many emergency vehicles, including "cherry pickers," were polished to a gleaming finish.

Appetites were satisfied with free cakes and cookies, which were chased down with soft drinks and coffee. West Shops employees showed off their work places to their families and shared adventure stories with their friends.

The next West Shops Open House is scheduled for 1990. Mark your calendar.



Ronnie Oclon, signal maintainer [left], with Vince Chavez, electrical signal maintenance specialist, Chavez' wife, Marian, and their daughter, Angeline, 8, and son, Matthew, 9, take a break.



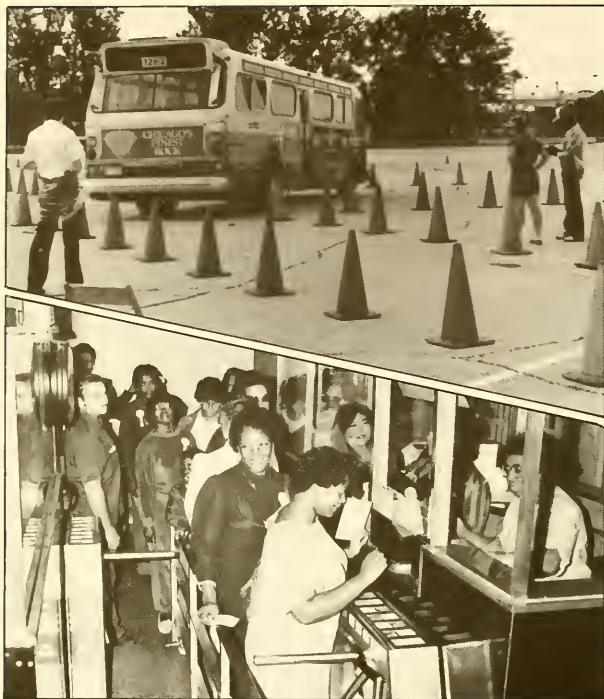
Garrie Spencer, typist, Building & Grounds Maintenance, her daughter Nikkie, 9, and their friend, Dalin, 4, take rest in an agent's booth. Dalin is grandson of Randy Simmons, superintendent, General Maintenance, South.



Pet Moroney, boiler serviceman, pulls a few strings to help straighten out a small Open House visitor.



Danise Cole, clerk, Utility [center], with children Dameon, 7, and Saterra, 2, and her mother, Mrs. Janie Cole, chat with Frank Montafalco, supervisor, shop support.



Competition Schedule



In appreciation



Bruce W. Strong [second from left], commercial programs director of the American Institute in Taiwan, presents a plaque to **Ernest Sawyer** [second from right], CTA's deputy executive director of Planning, Marketing & Development, in appreciation to CTA for conducting a special Technical Institute [CTATI] for a group of transit engineers from Taipei. Looking on is **Michael V. Simon** [left], deputy director of the Chicago District Office, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce. On the right is **Ronald Weslow**, the coordinator for the CTATI who arranged a five-day course covering all aspects of the operation of our transportation systems.

Preparations are underway for the 1988 **Bus Rodeo**, **Third Rail RoundUp**, and **Ticket Agent TieUp** competitions.

Bus Rodeo Chairman **Thomas Wilson** said preliminary events will be held at Soldier Field June 11-12, and finals are set for July 23 at the same location.

Third Rail RoundUp Chairman **James W. Zepp** said contestants for this event were administered written tests April 10-14, and the list of finalists will be posted the week of May 22. The Third Rail RoundUp final competition will be held June 12.

Section level competitions in the Ticket Agent TieUp event were held April 10, 17, and 24. The final contest in this event is set for May 22, according to event Chairman **John Perkins**. The annual competitions award banquet for the three events is planned for July 29 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.

Day in CTA honors operator, three supervisors

Three bus service supervisors and a Kedzie avenue bus operator were honored for exceptional service to CTA and the public-at-large during the February Day in CTA activities.

District A supervisor **Eugene Thurmond** received the grateful thanks of his superiors for his December 15 "Herculean task of freeing buses from snow banks."

After several requests for tow trucks produced no immediate response, Thurmond, with the aid of a repairman, a snow truck, and a heavy chain, began a five-hour task of freeing 12 buses, which were stuck in various locations, and returned them to service.

A similar situation occurred January 4, one of the coldest days in the new year. District B supervisors **August Elke** and **Victor Gonzalez** put several troubleshooting techniques to work in order to return buses, which had been disabled for as long as 12 hours, to their garages for repairs. Tow trucks were still at a premium due



Day in CTA honorees [from left] Eugene Thurmond, Michael Ollins, August Elke, and Victor Gonzalez review Control Center procedures as explained by bus controller Charlene McFadden.

to the bitter cold weather. Operators were given other vehicles and returned to service.

Operations management also praised Kedzie operator **Michael Ollins** for an unselfish act at the risk of his own safety last August, when he came to the rescue of a man who was being

assaulted by a mob with what appeared to be a tire iron.

Ollins, who witnessed the attack as he was beginning his Kedzie/California run, pulled the bloody victim away from the angry mob, took him aboard his bus, and waited until police arrived.

Thanks for "Sharing It"



Wyola Evans, general chairperson for the Sharing It program sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Special Events, congratulates CTA schedule maker George West, the 1988 Sharing It program coordinator for CTA. West and other program coordinators received the special thanks of Ms. Evans and others representing the mayor's office at a special reception.



CTA employees with future inquiries about insurance benefits may find the needed information at their fingertips, by merely pressing a button and inserting their social security numbers and identification numbers as access codes. The Benefits Services department plans to implement W.I.N., the Worker Information Network, at various garages, terminals, shops, and other work locations this spring. The state of the art, computer-like machines will provide a more effective system of employee benefits communications.



FOND FAREWELL

Jim Dudley

After 40 years of service and a record of safety program innovations, Industrial Safety supervisor **James Dudley** has joined CTA pensioners.

Dudley, who ushered in the use of CTA baseball-cap-style bump hats, created the Zero Accident Program [ZAP], and wrote the safety rule book still used today by maintenance employees, shelved his bump hat and all other safety paraphernalia in grand style at a gala January 8 evening program in Oak Park.

Emcee **Jack Hruby**, director of Rail Maintenance, whose first CTA assignment in 1973 was with Dudley, called the honoree, a former Navy man, "Mr. Safety," and noted that, "he's a guy with a story for every occasion, and a waitress in every restaurant." Said Hruby, "When you went to lunch with Jim, you would sit at a particular table and stuff just started to appear."

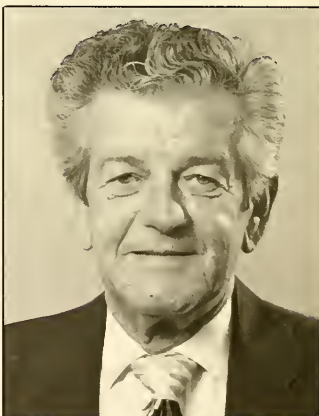
The Employee Safety Contest of the early 60's, which was introduced by Dudley, was renamed the Zero Accident Program in the early 70's. This



Claims representative **Albert Porter** cuts the big sheet cake served at his Claims department open house. Porter closed a CTA career of 32 years, which also included service in the Transportation and Safety departments.

South Shops employees salute unit supervisor **Alfred K. [Al] Haas** for his 38 years of dedicated service as he begins a well-deserved retirement. Al began his career in the Vehicle Maintenance department at West Shops in 1950, and transferred to South Shops in 1962. High school students, including Chicago Area Boy Scouts and other youth groups, have benefitted from Al's instruction in the art of bus building, and built three scaled-down operational minibuses under Al's supervision. One of his most recent projects was the phenomenal construction of CTA's Community Information Bus, an extraordinary vehicle which is an amalgam of parts and frameworks from different style buses ranging in age from 20 years to two years old. Al and his wife, Ruth, plan to travel, and to share time with their two sons, two daughters, and 10 grandchildren. Al also plans to find the time to enjoy his hobbies of photography, model boat building and stained glass.

Percy Harrell



Leonard Skrine [center], mail service supervisor, and his wife, **Gloria**, are surrounded by Skrine's co-workers on his last day of a 40-year CTA career. Included are [from left] **Robert Johnson**, **Elmer Horvath**, **Edward Antee**, and **Nelson Sanders**.



popular program continues, with safety specialist **Ronald Benschish** as its coordinator. This competition gives special quarterly ZAP awards to garage and terminal maintenance facilities with the lowest accident rate, and catered lunches to employees of every maintenance shift at the facility sustaining the lowest accident rate in a six-month period.

During the retirement dinner [left photo], Ron Benschish invited Dudley to draw door prize tickets from the drum that has become so familiar at ZAP award presentations. Of course, each ticket drawn rewarded Dudley with one of his many retirement gifts.

Sharing the festive occasion honoring Dudley were [right photo, from left] his sister, Ms. Florence Dudley; supervisor Dudley; his daughter, Dr. Katie Dudley; his wife, Nan, and his sister, Ms. Dorothy Dudley.



Together in retirement as they were as co-workers, this Claims department trio's departure represents the closing of 112 years of dedicated CTA service. They are [from left] senior claims analyst **Arthur Thomas**, 34 years; claims representatives **Thomas Stepp**, 38 years, and **Lovance Ashley**, 40 years.

Laverne Schultz, unit supervisor, Office Services, remembers the good times with friends **Charles Karneffel** [left] and **Gerald Mroz** of Internal Audit, who attended her retirement open house. In the background is budget director **Jud Lawrie**. The occasion marked the close of a CTA career of 24½ years.



INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Congratulations to Power Controller **Al Fleming**. Mild-mannered **Al** followed in the footsteps of **George Clark** and **George Hand** after completing his training as a Bus Controller. **Al** was promoted to the elite Controller III status. Status changes also took place for Bus Service Supervisors **Raul Colon**, **Cedric Crosbie**, **Otto Houston**, and **Willie Smith**, who were recently appointed Bus Controllers after more than a year of "swimming in the pool." **Otto** and **Willie** are also pool district superintendents ... Goodbye, so long, take care to my "sister" **Matilda J. Bell** and **Walter [The Voice] Young**, who are newly-appointed superintendents I, Bus Personnel. The resonant broadcast sounds of **The Voice**, many times imitated but never duplicated, have been missed by his fan club members ... Saying cheeeeeeseeeeee is **Deborah Fortuna**, happy as a lark now that she's the new Executive Secretary for Operations Manager **David Martin**. Or is she just happy? ... The ol' hanky's being wrung out for acting Executive Secretary **Donna Mitchell**, who has been transferred to Operations Administrative Services ... Security Controller and yachtmaster **John Paczkowski Sr.**, the father of North Park Operator **John Paczkowski Jr.**, is back to work after a lengthy illness. Big **John** lost 40 pounds and looks great! [Hint, hint, comrades.] ... In an unscientific study, it was proven that rear bumpers of beautiful new parked cars have a tendency to become magnetized and attract the front ends of uninsured motorists' cars. This magnet-accordion theory was experienced by

Belinda Phillips, our confidential office assistant, whose 1987 Chevy Nova was demolished from the sudden impact of a "beater." Luckily, **Belinda** was more durable than her fiberglass vehicle and escaped with minor injuries. Helloooo, Judge **Wagner**. Perhaps her dad, **Preston Phillips**, a blacksmith/welder foreman at the South Shops Maintenance department, can armorplate her car ... Happy Birthday to Power Controller **John Angelo**, who made it known that he had a March 3 celebration of life, and to the modest bus communications superintendent, **Lino Alcaraz**, who on March 21 stated, while deep in thought and working diligently, that he'd forgotten it was his birthday. Sure, sir ... Hold thy tongues, controllers! Controller **Otto Houston**, a member of the First Church of Deliverance, is a licensed minister and will be ordained July 22, 1988 at the national convention in Baltimore. **Otto** has served as an acolyte [altar boy] for 38 years, and has written a manual for young adults entitled *The Acolyte Handbook*, which is used by various other churches and denominations. He's also national president of the acolytes in the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ, Inc. ... Rail Communications Superintendent **Jerry Johnson** was beaming proudly after rave reviews were received on a program aired on WLS-TV [Channel 7] entitled, *Blacks in Advertising ... Still Pushing Forward*. The reason? **Jerry's** son, **Dwayne Johnson-Cochran**, was the producer of the program ... A blissful event was shared by Mr. and Mrs. **Ollie Winston** as their eldest



"*The Secret Code*" is the intriguing mystery of two sisters named **Sarah** and **Sue**, and their soldier father, as written by 9-year-old **Chiovaughn Jones**, cousin to rail conductor **Cleo Jackson** of O'Hare terminal. **Chiovaughn**, a fourth grader at Edmund Burke Elementary school, accompanied by proud mom **Yolanda Jackson**, represented Elementary District 13 at the recent 14th Statewide Young Authors' Conference which was held at Illinois State University in Normal. **Chiovaughn's** creative writing, her second manuscript, was selected to represent the district based on creativity, originality, and language usage. Move over **Hardy Boys** author, and step back **Nancy Drew** writer, because here comes little **Miss Chiovaughn** of Chicago.



son, **Anthony Lee**, exchanged marital vows with the former **Shawn Felice Rogers**. Two hundred and seventy-five family members and friends attended the harmonious occasion on March 19 at the New Alpha Progressive Church. Well, the ties were loosened and the hair let down for the reception, which was held at the swingin' Copper Box II Disco. As the newlyweds flew off into the night for a six-day honeymoon in Las Vegas, Assistant Power Superintendent **Winston** spent the remainder of the night recuperating from the long weekend ... Best of luck to Security Controller **David Aguirre**, who is leaving the Control Center to become a part-time bus operator.

Bruse A. Bell

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

John Brown, Kedzie
James Forrestal, Bus Mctc.
Willie Griffin, Archer

35 Years

Rita Deakin, Gen'l Acctg.
Lorenzo Johnson, 77th Street
Louis Loebaka, Jefferson Park
Edna Southworth, Purchasing
Lee Stewart, 77th Street

30 Years

Norman Herron Jr., Instruction
Paul Kadowaki, Operations Training
Richard Smith Jr., Rail Dist. South
Charles Taylor, Bus Dist. D
Robert Zirkle, Bus Dist. C

25 Years

Eugene Booze, 77th Street
Claude Cracco, Mech. Mctc.
Dennis Ferguson, Blacksmith & Welding
Thomas Gecan, Bus Garages-North
Jonas Harris Jr., North Park
George Hunt, South Shops
Waymon Jeffrey, Beverly
Jerry Killman, Motor Veh. Design
Richard Kobylecky, Archer
James Larsen, South Shops
Calvin McCants, 69th Street
Patrick McCarthy, Track & Struct. Des.
Maxel McLoud Jr., Bus Dist. C
Kenneth Polan, Auto Truck Repair
Leonard Quinlan, North Park

February

40 Years

Lovance Ashley, Claims
Teddy Wleczorek, Elect. Mctc.

35 Years

Afidale Prince, South Section
John Sullivan, Const. Compliance

30 Years

Alfred Bohanon, Archer
George Griffin, Schedules
Henry Hopkins, Bus Radio Mctc.
John Kenna, Bus Dist. A
Bernard Mazalewski, Forest Glen
George O'Neill, Esc. Mctc.
Mitchell Szalwa, Forest Glen

25 Years

Chester Buchanan, f3aNorth Park
James Butler, North Park
Isaac Clark, Bus Personnel-South
Hewitt Green, Archer
John Grubasic, Kedzie
Walter Moore, Power & Way Mctc.

Affirmative Action will hear complaints

Employees with complaints of civil rights violations or acts of discrimination may seek restitution with CTA's Affirmative Action department in room 405 of the Merchandise Mart.

Dr. Maxine Moffett, Affirmative Action department manager, said concerns of discrimination regarding race, color, ancestry, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, age [40^s], physical or mental disability, veteran's status, as well as unfavorable military discharge or sexual harassment, should be brought to the immediate attention of the Affirmative Action department through its formal complaint procedure.

Persons wishing to make inquiries concerning the process should call the department on **Ext. 3516, Mart.**

Howard Terminal

Proud mom, motorman **Vicki Bledsoe**, is still basking in the glow of the Gordon Tech high school Rams gridiron squad's 29-14 victory over Percy Julian high school for the recent Prep Bowl championship. Among the Rams players is Bledsoe's son, **Anthony Jr.**, who distinguished himself with an 18-yard pass reception to set up a 15-yard touchdown run. Young Bledsoe is also credited with several key blocks. The Rams earned the privilege of representing the Catholic League in the Prep Bowl game at Soldier Field by stopping Brother Rice 21-0.

General Office

Chicago Vocational School senior **Brian Stephen**, 17, the son of bus controller **James Stephen**, has been designated an Illinois State Scholar by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission. He has also received a letter of commendation from the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Selection as a state scholar is based on a combination of high school performance and standardized test scores. Brian ranks third in a class of 924 students and holds a 3.94 grade point average of a maximum 4.0.

Service anniversaries in March

40 Years

Robert Green, Archer

35 Years

Timothy Hall, Bus Pers.-South

30 Years

Thomas Devaney, West Section
Herbert Hodge, Archer
Gerald Hogan, Bus Service
Walter Keller, North Park
Billy McKnight, Bus Instruction
Evan Rhoda Sr., Bus Dist. B
James Thaxton, Bus Instruction

25 Years

Bertil Anderson, North Park
John Brennan, Rail Dist. West
Earl Davis, Kedzie
John Glatzel, North Park
Marian Hanning, West Section
Terry Kent, Mech. Mctc.
Clarence Leggett, 77th Street
Alvin Moore, 69th Street
Casimir Noga Jr., South Shops
Harold Oglesby, Bus Dist. A
Antonio Poulos, Jefferson Park
Roy Ripka Jr., Bus Dist. D
Wilbert Tinsey Jr., Bus Instruction
Thomas Wodarski, Mgmt. Info./Syst. Divpt.
Willie Woodson, Douglas/Congress



The Multiple Sclerosis Society is \$1,035 richer in pledges to its cause, thanks to Treasury utility clerk Joanne Boettlin, who inspired the generous sum of pledges in her first outing as a participant in the fifth annual MS snowmobile tour Feb. 25-28 in Cable, Wisc. Joanne, of McHenry County, only needed \$500 in pledges to join other snowmobilers for the two-day, 250-mile tour in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. She exceeded the qualifying amount of pledges in her first day. The event was sponsored by the Wisconsin National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the R.L. Ryerson Company.



Getting to know how the other half lives, soon-to-retire Treasury executive secretary Catherine [Kay] Corcoran [left], visits with friends in San Diego who are already CTA pensioners and enjoying the good life in beautiful California weather. They are Arlene and Rod Daugherty, Materials Management; Karen and David Munyer, Treasury, and Eleanor Garro, Claims/Law.



This little elf is Zachariah [Zack] Baker, whose proud parents are rail conductor Fred Baker of 61st street terminal, and Gail Baker of the Pension office. Little Zack was born Oct. 17, 1987 at Holy Cross hospital where he tipped the scale at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.



Marsha Safford Lee of Field Review, and husband Thomas R. Lee, are the proud parents of a son, Thomas R. Lee Jr., born Dec. 20 at Saint Mary hospital, Langhorne, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 22 inches long.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert I. Apitz, 73, Limits, Emp. 8/30/43, Died 12/26/87
William M. Baldyga, 70, Transp., Emp. 4/5/46, Died 12/31/87
Joseph M. Bellamy, 81, Forest Glen, Emp. 1/27/34, Died 12/11/87
James J. Brophy, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 11/17/36, Died 1/16/88
Joseph C. Ciszek, 88, Archer, Emp. 9/1/37, Died 1/12/88
William F. Cooney, 76, Claims Law/Real Est., Emp. 12/7/36, Died 1/23/88
Michael Costello, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3/9/43, Died 12/18/87
Richard Cox, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 2/22/44, Died 1/4/88
Nicholas Cullinane, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/15/42, Died 12/18/87
Gerald B. Dalton, 83, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/21/20, Died 1/30/88
Archibald C. Dillon, 80, Lawndale, Emp. 2/13/36, Died 1/3/88
Robert J. Doherty, 85, West Section, Emp. 9/16/26, Died 12/5/87
John H. Finch, 81, Finance, Emp. 10/27/21, Died 1/12/88
Francis M. Flynn, 61, Beverly, Emp. 8/20/47, Died 1/23/88
Anthony Fricano, 78, Archer, Emp. 2/3/43, Died 11/2/87
Harold L. Greatwood, 85, Spec. Investgns., Emp. 2/24/36, Died 01/19/88
A. E. Gruetzmacher, 87, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/17/42, Died 11/30/87
Harlan L. Heil, 76, Howard, Emp. 6/24/29, Died 1/1/88
Richard H. Hoffman, 92, Transportation, Emp. 5/27/15, Died 12/9/87

Patrick J. Hogan, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 4/7/43, Died 12/20/87
Frank J. Klekovich, 67, 63rd & Ashland, Emp. 10/24/60, Died 1/15/88
John S. Kloska, 67, Jefferson Park, Emp. 11/30/45, Died 12/13/87
Frank J. Kokoska, 81, West Section, Emp. 1/15/37, Died 1/17/88
Charles Kucera, 61, Control Center, Emp. 2/12/47, Died 11/18/87
Francis T. Maloney, 81, District C, Emp. 6/3/29, Died 1/11/88
Joseph J. Marszalek, 65, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., Emp. 10/27/47, Died 1/26/88
William McNally, 66, Jefferson Park, Emp. 4/1/57, Died 12/30/87
Leo B. Miotke, 87, Transportation, Emp. 1/17/27, Died 12/19/87
Theodore C. Mix, 82, North Avenue, Emp. 5/15/29, Died 12/24/87
James P. Murphy, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10/20/30, Died 12/25/87
Vernon W. Nelson, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 10/26/33, Died 1/24/88
John W. Nette, 80, Treasury, Emp. 7/19/28, Died 1/1/88
John O'Donnell, 89, Howard, Emp. 3/12/42, Died 1/5/88
John O'Toole, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 3/12/42, Died 1/17/88
Peter C. Petrusis, 78, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 10/17/45, Died 12/1/87
Oscar Prietz, 94, West Section, Emp. 3/1/15, Died 12/6/87
William A. Radloff, 81, Beverly, Emp. 10/24/28, Died 12/21/87
Florence E. Robert, 93, Transp., Emp. 4/22/43, Died 11/5/87

James L. Sabie, 76, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 8/18/42, Died 12/24/87
Philip Schlogel, 75, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 11/21/41, Died 12/15/87
Mathias H. Schneider, 99, 69th Street, Emp. 10/16/15, Died 1/8/88
Richard L. Scholtens, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 6/30/37, Died 12/10/87
James W. Short, 85, Insurance, Emp. 7/3/50, Died 12/29/87
Ignac Shubat, 86, Const. & Mtce., Emp. 9/24/25, Died 12/7/87
John Simon, 92, West Section, Emp. 1/6/42, Died 1/1/88
John Siska, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8/6/23, Died 1/26/88
Sam Smargon, 89, North Park, Emp. 1/24/28, Died 12/6/87
Bernard Smith, 90, North Avenue, Emp. 5/6/24, Died 1/19/88
Walter Sorensen, 82, West Section, Emp. 5/5/42, Died 12/29/87
James E. Stanford, 53, West Shops, Emp. 9/10/56, Died 12/31/87
Robert W. Thome, 74, Forest Glen, Emp. 6/10/41, Died 12/18/87
John M. Thurow, 66, South Shops, Emp. 2/16/46, Died 1/19/88
Salvatore Toia, 91, Way & Struc's, Emp. 7/6/36, Died 1/5/88
Frank G. Von Statten, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/26/19, Died 1/15/88
William Walcott, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 3/15/45, Died 1/25/88
Ralph A. Walker, 80, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7/10/47, Died 12/9/87
Edward W. Welch, 79, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 5/13/35, Died 12/7/87

South Shops

The South Shops **Six Pack** has the winning ticket. With last year's amazing record of 15-2 and the volleyball league championship, this year's record of 14-0 speaks for itself. The pack is still packing a wallop by remaining in first place in their division. I asked Coach **Dave Harlan** why the team has not been defeated, and he said the depth of the players is outstanding. We have a strong bench as well as starters. Newest member on the roster, **Dora Martin**, has added that extra spark as the team's setter. I feel that the team as a whole is the best. Our team lets everyone participate, which ties us closer together. When asked about this year's competition, Dave said Kedzie and G.O. are teams giving us a run for the money. Captain **Steve Fischer** noted that his

championship ring from last year will certainly have a twin brother on the other finger this year. Female star **Venise Hickland** added, "Last year I enjoyed being on the first South Shops team. There is no feeling in the world like winning. My only desire this year is to see more faces from South Shops at the games. We need your support." Game schedules can be obtained from any team member. This year's team players are Manager **Glennis Buford**, Coach **Dave Harlan**, **Steve Fischer**, **Dora Martin**, **Nguyen Dai**, **Mary Conely**, **Gary Kojawa**, **Venise Highland**, **Brenda Walker**, **Ron Robertson**, **Angela Maury**, **Paulette Hardeman**, **Maurice Land** and **Leslie Fuller**.

Percy Harrell

INSIDE NEWS

Retirements FEBRUARY

Jean Astree, 77th Street, 25 yrs.
Walter H. Bailey, South Shops, 20 yrs.
Robert L. Braxton, 77th Street, 25 yrs.
John H. Brown Jr., Kedzie, 40 yrs.
Edward Buckner, Congress, 30 yrs.
Coy Causey, West Shops, 26 yrs.
Lita J. Causey, West Shops, 19 yrs.
Daniel J. Clininn, Beverly, 27 yrs.
Eugene Eason Sr., District A, 25 yrs.
Amy M. Grant, Transp. Services, 31 yrs.
Alfred K. Haas, South Shops, 38 yrs.
William M. Kelly, Douglas, 35 yrs.
Robert G. Koster, Harlem-Lake, 44 yrs.
Robert E. Lee, South Area, 28 yrs.
Earl J. McGhee, Ind. Sfty./Police Liaison, 7 yrs.
John E. O'Brien, North Park, 27 yrs.
Vincent Patellaro, West Shops, 32 yrs.
Albert Porter, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 32 yrs.
Leonard R. Skrine, Adm. Mgmt. Services, 40 yrs.
Jack T. Smith, North Park, 31 yrs.
Leo A. Stern, North Park, 31 yrs.
William J. White, Forest Glen, 39 yrs.

Disabilities

Percy J. Anderson, Archer, 18 yrs.
Vernon Mitchell, West Section, 22 yrs.
Oscar Ramsey, Kedzie, 20 yrs.
Adrian W. Taylor, Madison/Wabash, 20 yrs.
Roosevelt Wright, Forest Glen, 17 yrs.

MARCH

David Alexander, Cent. Ctg., 27 yrs.
Lovance F. Ashley, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 40 yrs.
Evelyn L. Belt, Congress, 20 yrs.
Louise P. Brown, Kimball, 21 yrs.
John J. Gallagher, West Section, 27 yrs.
John W. Harper, West Shops, 10 yrs.
George Hawthorne, Madison/Wabash, 17 yrs.
Jimmie D. Hill, 69th Street, 32 yrs.
James H. Irwin, Lawndale, 37 yrs.
Lorenzo T. Johnson, 77th Street, 35 yrs.
Meyer Lemel, Transp. Personnel, 29 yrs.
Lorraine M. McEvilly, Human Res./Benefit Svcs., 25 yrs.
Leroy J. Moreland Sr., District D, 26 yrs.
Ronald J. Santella, West Shops, 7 yrs.
Abraham Scarbrough, District A, 37 yrs.
George E. Smith Jr., Harlem-Lake, 26 yrs.
Thomas J. Stepp, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 38 yrs.
Arthur J. Thomas, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 34 yrs.
John Williams Jr., Kedzie, 31 yrs.
Aloysius A. Zielinski, South Shops, 23 yrs.

Disabilities

Kenneth J. Bohn, West Shops, 11 yrs.
James C. Dietz Sr., North Section, 7 yrs.
Arnold Kennedy, West Section, 17 yrs.
Cleona Simoneaux, 77th Street, 10 yrs.

Retirements JANUARY

Harold Abrams, Beverly, 25 yrs.
Paul Alexander Jr., 69th Street, 35 yrs.
Wilks Battles, 95th Street, 31 yrs.
James C. Bell, Lawndale, 33 yrs.
James L. Brandon, West Shops, 31 yrs.
Cleven B. Brogdon Sr., District A, 27 yrs.
John Campbell, West Shops, 28 yrs.
Wallace J. Clemens, West Shops, 41 yrs.
James A. Collins, 77th Street, 26 yrs.
Mitchell H. Colquitt, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
Thomas A. Devaney, West Section, 29 yrs.
Walter J. Drobnia, West Shops, 36 yrs.
James F. Dudley, Adm. Safety, 40 yrs.
Margaret E. Ellison, South Shops, 26 yrs.
Jerald G. Ferrero, Forest Glen, 26 yrs.
Harold G. Freiwald, Beverly, 30 yrs.
Dino Fuggiti, West Shops, 41 yrs.
Donald R. Gierhahn, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Levi Gipson, 69th Street, 36 yrs.
Alan J. Hall, North Park, 25 yrs.
Ray D. Hardin, Limits, 33 yrs.
Rodgers Harmon, Kedzie, 35 yrs.
Joseph J. Hartl, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 28 yrs.
Charles S. Henderson, South Shops, 25 yrs.
Burton Hill, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Mary M. Imamura, Adm. Mgmt. Services, 13 yrs.
Olson Jackson, Kedzie, 36 yrs.
Rudolph Johnson, Beverly, 28 yrs.
James J. Johnston, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Teddy I. Kaczmarek, West Section, 25 yrs.
Shirley A. Knight, Kimball, 28 yrs.
Peter J. Kourakos, North Park, 38 yrs.
Modest J. Kozak, Central District, 26 yrs.
Edward J. Kuberski, West Shops, 39 yrs.
Michael J. Lacirola, Transp. Personnel, 40 yrs.
Heinrich F. Laurich, West Shops, 31 yrs.
Samuel W. Lee, North Park, 12 yrs.
Charles T. Lindsay, Kedzie, 33 yrs.

James F. Madden, Human Res./Benefit Svcs., 40 yrs.
Joseph J. Marszalek, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 40 yrs.
Alphonse J. Martin, Equip. Purchasing, 13 yrs.
Herbert L. McKnight, Beverly, 36 yrs.
Ronald D. Mickels, Central District, 28 yrs.
Richard T. Norton, West Shops, 41 yrs.
Robert L. O'Connor, Police Liaison, 6 yrs.
Michael J. O'Toole, West Shops, 37 yrs.
Eugene J. Poduch, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Henry Radom, Forest Glen, 30 yrs.
Richard A. Rae, Rosemont Shop, 25 yrs.
William G. Reynolds, District C, 35 yrs.
Louis E. Robinson, District D, 25 yrs.
Gene A. Ross, 69th Street, 30 yrs.
Richard H. Rossborough, Archer, 30 yrs.
Eli E. Russell, Beverly, 31 yrs.
Jack J. Ruzich, North Park, 21 yrs.
Edward J. Schurz Jr., Forest Glen, 40 yrs.
Joseph E. Scott, South Shops, 31 yrs.
Manuel P. Segura, Adm. Mtrls. Mgmt., 11 yrs.
James A. Sheldon, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Richard J. Shonder, Harlem-Lake, 29 yrs.
George W. Spann Jr., North Section, 16 yrs.
Ernest A. Thomatis, District A, 31 yrs.
George Tubbs Jr., 69th Street, 27 yrs.
Leonard E. Tucek, South Shops, 33 yrs.
Michele Vaccaro, West Shops, 20 yrs.
Theodore Vernon, 95th Street, 36 yrs.
Joseph A. Vodvarka, Transp. Services, 37 yrs.
Woodrow Wallace, North Avenue, 31 yrs.
Leon Washington, 77th Street, 30 yrs.
Edward M. Wilkieo, Howard, 45 yrs.
Frank R. Wisniewski, 77th Street, 40 yrs.
Auston Woolfolk, Archer, 35 yrs.
Robert Wynne, 61st Street, 30 yrs.

CTA's Softball Reps



The 1988 Grant Park Men's Softball League opened its 12-game season April 20. The Authority is included among the eight teams representing various Chicago businesses. The transit team is comprised of [front row, from left] Richard Mitchell, Ron Peel, and Joe Millbrook, Operations Planning; Ron Hawkins, Capital Development; Jim Price, Operations Training/Instruction, and Sam Ellis Jr., Materials Control. In back are [from left] Manager Alex Petska, Internal Audit; Bob Smith, Accounting Systems & Operations; Ed Chorak, Financial Reporting & Analysis; Ed Coury, Management & Budget; Gary Rubenstein, Strategic Planning; James Terry, Operations Plan-

ning; Jim Blanchard, Capital Development; Ed Murry, Financial Reporting & Analysis, and Manager James Fiorito, Capital Development. Other team members who were not available for the photograph are Vince Jackson of Operations Planning, and Ellis Kendrick, Affirmative Action. CTA has participated in the league for 12 years. Other league participants are R. R. Donnelly, First National Bank of Chicago, GATX Corporation, Chicago Hilton, Merrill Lynch, and People's Gas, Light and Coke Company, Teams One and Two. Games are played each Wednesday in Grant Park beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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Clark Burrus-Community service veteran named new CTA chairman

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New CTA Board Chairman Clark Burrus [left] gets a "welcome aboard" from Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, CTA executive director, after

Burrus was officially appointed to the body, and subsequently elected its chairman at a special June session.

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Community service veteran named new CTA chairman

Clark Burrus, senior vice president in the First National Bank of Chicago's Specialized Bank Group, and head of the Health, Education, Municipalities and Services department, has been named CTA's 11th chairman. His term of office will expire Sept. 1, 1992.

Burrus was named to the Board by Acting Mayor **Eugene Sawyer** to fill the unexpired term of former Chairman **Walter Clark**, who resigned in June.

A special June 24 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board was convened in its Merchandise Mart board room, where the ordinance appointing Burrus to the Board was formally read in to the record by Board Member **J. Douglas Donenfeld**. Subsequently he was elected chairman.

Prior to surrendering the gavel to the new chairman, Board Vice Chairman **John Hoellen** said of Burrus, "...His financial expertise led to his appointment to the interim board of the Regional Transportation Authority [RTA] in 1983. In 1984, Mayor Harold Washington appointed Mr. Burrus to the RTA Board where he serves as vice chairman of the finance committee.

"In addition to his post on the RTA Board, Mr. Burrus is also a member of the Chicago Board of Education, ex-

ecutive director of the city's Financial and Research Advisory Committee, a member of the Cook County Revenue Study Commission, and holds posts and memberships in various civic organizations."

Hoellen said Burrus had had "a solid 25-year career in city government," noting that he joined the city in 1954 as a field auditor, and served in various positions in the Health and Urban Renewal departments.

CTA's new chairman was named first deputy comptroller in 1972, and in 1974 he was Mayor Richard J. Daley's choice for city comptroller. During his five year tenure in that post, Burrus led the City of Chicago to its first AA bond rating, the highest rating possible. He resigned as city comptroller in 1979 to join the First National Bank of Chicago.

Clark Burrus was also architect of the nation's first low-interest rate mortgage revenue bond program, and served as a trustee of four public pension funds.

He was elected president of the Police Pension Fund, named vice president of the Laborers' Annuity and Pension Fund, and the Municipal Employees Pension Fund. Burrus was also named chairman of the Investment Committee of the Fireman's Pension Fund.

The newly named CTA chairman is an alumnus of Roosevelt University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a masters degree in public administration with honors.

Burrus and his wife, **Lucille**, are the parents of a son, **James**, and reside on the city's south side.

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The

BUZZWORD

Candid answers to your questions
from Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

- Q.** *Lately, CTA has practically been a revolving door for the arrival and departure of top management and executive personnel. In other instances there have been demotions and other disciplinary action taken against this particular segment of our work force, creating instability and uncertainty among employees at large. When will it all settle down?*
- A.** We've undergone many organizational changes in order to cope with problems which have developed at CTA in the last 10 years. CTA is an old system which has seen some decline of ridership, and public support. We're trying to rebuild that ridership, and the public confidence. We're still an excellent system, but our goal is to make CTA a model transit agency for the nation. To do this we need a blend of new ideas combined with the best of tradition, so there will be new people and organizational changes. Some change is healthy. We want our staff to define its role in procedures and to continually improve the quality of service. Any system without change becomes stagnant, and there were symptoms of stagnation here. We were seeing a decline in the quality of maintenance, a backlog of capital programs, and disrespect for some of our procurement practices. It takes only a few people to create a bad image, but the majority of our people are excellent employees, and the best should set the examples. We want to make it tougher to get a foothold for the few who do not perform to standard.
- Q.** *Recently CTA employees received management's year-end report which discussed the on-going project 'Going Your Way.' It is quite clear how this project benefits the riding public, but just how does it benefit CTA employees.*
- A.** Anything that benefits the riding public benefits our employees, and all 13,000 of us share in it. As these things are achieved, we can all feel that we have had a part in it. Doing projects that are identifiable should give every employee a sense of pride.
- Q.** *This agency has always cried poor mouth and budget restraint, especially where salaries are concerned for blue collar and lower echelon professional personnel during evaluation periods, yet I've witnessed wasteful spending in my department for unnecessary supplies just to avoid a cut-back in allocation. How do you explain the philosophical disparity?*
- A.** We do not condone this kind of spending, and we are looking at how managers spend money. CTA is in the process of going to a program-based budget. Again, mid-level management must take responsibility for improvements. A program-based budget takes two to three years to really get on track because it is a hard concept, but we intend to get it going and curtail wasteful spending.
- Q.** *CTA has a number of well paid, under-employed personnel who frequently spend valuable time reading newspapers, magazines, and books, and sometimes sleeping, or engaged in other non-productive activity. Wouldn't you consider this a waste of manpower and salaries, as well as conduct that generates adverse publicity?*
- A.** Our top line managers must set the standards. If people are not carrying their part of the load as they should, then managers are responsible to see that they are productively employed. If the employee is having a problem with the job then perhaps that person should be in some other line of work somewhere else. Managers must be willing to take the responsibility or the problem will continue.
- CTA employees and retirees may submit questions to: BUZZWORD, CTA Transit News, Room 734, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654. Only signed questions, 50 words or less, will be considered.

Company Kid Program searches for adoptive parents

While cameras clicked away, grown-ups cooed, wooed, and awed over the 20-month-old little boy in a sailor's cap and blue and white shirt and short pants.

A little charmer, **Johnny** readily smiled and quickly turned everybody who saw him into mush. He also focused attention on the thousands of little ones like him who need adoptive homes and a lot of tender, loving care.

The tiny ward of the State of Illinois was cradled in the arms of **Mayor Eugene Sawyer**, who had come to CTA on June 7 to help launch a new outlet for child adoption, the Company Kid Program. "I'm delighted that CTA is the first major organization in Illinois to take part in this Company Kid Program," said the mayor. "Bringing love, understanding, and a chance at a new, more secure life to children at risk, is a wonderful opportunity for people who care about kids."

"This is how the Company Kid Program works," explained Senior Deputy Executive Director/Administration **Gloria Chevere**. "CTA's 3,500 buses and trains will carry cards inviting interested people to become foster parents. At the same time, the search for adoptive families will be directed to our 13,000 employees."

"Photos and descriptions of children waiting to be adopted will be publicized in the *Transit News* employee magazine, and in the bus and rail operators union newsletters, as well as in pay envelopes."

"Additionally, 15 of CTA's busiest rapid transit stations will have Metro Vision spots of adoptable children."

Chevere also noted that the Adoption Information Center of Illinois will conduct ongoing informational



Johnny enjoyed the attention he received while playing with a remote control truck on the carpeted floor of CTA's Mobile Information Center bus.

meetings at CTA employee lunchrooms and garages.

Expressing support for the program were **Elcosie Gresham**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241, and **Erv Harmon**, vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308.

Said Gresham, "Our membership supports Company Kid because we believe in children. They are our hope for the future, and they deserve to be raised in loving, stable homes. We can't think of better, more patient parents than transit operators."

ON THEIR TIME



Leather craft is labor of love for ticket agent

The skillful tool and dye leather craftsmanship of **Martin Vargas** is comparable to most leather goods in today's market, and is as much a labor of love as it is an avocation.

He spends an average of three hours per day, and frequently longer, in the basement workshop of his modest Cicero home. There he turns out wallets, belts, purses, ticket punch holders, portfolios, and a variety of other leather goods, ordered mostly by his CTA co-workers.

Vargas is a second shift CTA ticket agent, presently assigned to the Howard street terminal. When he isn't out purchasing leather craft supplies, he's starting the day in his shop filling orders. Although an abundance of orders occasionally requires the production assistance of his mother, Mrs. Mecacla Vargas, who shares his home, and his nephew, the superb workmanship of these hand crafted goods is entirely Vargas' undertaking. "I love it," he said.

As he tells it, his interest in leather craft began through somewhat unfortunate circumstances. "I was in the hospital, and, after about a week of confinement, I was at loose ends and about driven to distraction for the lack of something to do, when a hospital worker introduced me to leather craft."

Since that day four years ago, the world has been his oyster in the leather craft hobby, which he says will no doubt become his principal concern in retirement.

When Vargas was released from his hospital stay, he became a frequent visitor of a nearby hobby shop, where he continued to learn about his newfound interest. Finally, he graduated from kits of particular patterns which only needed to be assembled and dyed. Today, he is a preferred customer at a leather craft shop, where he buys leather in bulk quantities to meet the demands of customers for his enjoyable hobby.



Tools and dyes of every variety are used for making intricate designs on belts and other leather goods produced by **Martin Vargas**.

Thanks for



Harold Stingley Jr. [conductor, Douglas terminal] was called "exceedingly courteous and attentive" by Thomas Donohoe, who has offices on West Monroe Street. "He certainly went out of his way to assist an elderly woman who was obviously confused and needed to find her way to Northwestern Memorial Hospital. I am sure all the passengers were impressed by his attitude and effort."



Larry Goffer [No. 151 Sheridan, Limits garage] is regarded as "a gentleman and an asset to the CTA" by Mitzi Feinberg, of North Sheridan Road. "He gently quieted down a loud and boisterous drunk, much to the relief of the other passengers. He stopped to help a young woman with a small child and a large bag to get on the bus. He was well dressed, with a neat shirt and tie--truly an asset to the CTA."



Dewitt Coleman [No. 99M Mid-way Express, Archer garage] "is polite, pleasant, informative, businesslike, and a genuinely nice person," according to Mrs. Patricia Fontanetta, of South Kostner Avenue. "He waits for people who are running to catch the bus. He is always on time unless it cannot be avoided. We can really depend on him. Everyone on the bus likes Mr. Coleman and has respect for him."



Wylean Williams [No. 3 King Drive, 77th Street garage] was considered "an excellent driver who seems to be completely in control," in the opinion of Marguerite Backus, of North Michigan Avenue. "She never started the bus if a rider had only one foot on the step, and she pulled completely to the curb at every stop--not two or three feet from the curb. On top of that, she is also a very pleasant person."

Employees who receive

Kimberly Adams, South Section
Judy Anderson, Rail-Campaign
Roberto Andino, Forest Glen
Donald Angell, Supp. Svcs./Rail
William Anthony, North Section
David Arreguin, North Park

Ronald Bailey, Forest Glen
Ernest Barnes, Beverly
Nathan Baskin, 69th Street
Adonis Bertlos, Forest Glen
Rosarita Betts, North Avenue
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
George Bowen Jr., Kedzie
James Boyd, Limits
Steven Braswell, North Park
Charlotte Brent, North Section
Alphonso Brooks, North Avenue
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Robert Brown, North Park
Nathan Brown, Limits
Robert Brownlow, North Park
Lee Burns, Archer

Jean Cage, North Park
Anthony Caldwell, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Noel Castro, North Park
James Clark, 77th Street

George Collins, Forest Glen
Stephen Conway, Archer
Robert Cossom, North Park

Samuel Davenport, North Park
Archie Davis, 69th Street
Leon Davis, North Park
Vincent Davis, Rail Janitors
George Davis Jr., Archer
Robert Dluger, North Park
Gerald Doherty, North Park
Brian Dollar, North Park
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

Pamela Ellis, Douglas/Congress

Hubert Fincher, North Park
Jose Flores, North Section
Tommie Franklin, North Park

Joseph Gale, Forest Glen
Edward Gonzalez, Archer
Diane Gordon, West Section
John Gorski, Limits
Don Gowder, Howard/Kimball
Carol Graham, 69th Street
Dorothy Graham, Limits

Leroy Greathouse, 69th Street
Jerry Green, Kedzie
Billy Grimmage, 69th Street

August Hallmann, Forest Glen
Harold Hamler, 77th Street
Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Cynthia Harris, North Avenue
Michael Harris, Howard/Kimball
Alvin Harrison, North Avenue
Cecelia Hendrickson, Forest Glen
Andrew Hendrix Jr., Archer
George Henley, Archer
Raul Hernandez, Archer
Tanno Herring, North Avenue
Leroy Hervy, 69th Street
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Maurice Hollister, Archer
Jackie Hubbard, Howard/Kimball
John Hudson Jr., Archer

Tyrone Jackson, 77th Street
R. Jackson, Kedzie
Leon Jackson, Howard/Kimball
Marla Jacobs, Forest Glen
Lambert Jacobes Jr., Forest Glen
Willie James, North Park
Julius Johnson, North Avenue
Jerome Johnson, North Avenue
Daivd Johnson Jr., Archer

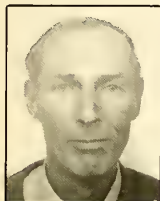
making their day!



James Hampton [conductor, Howard terminal] was praised by Stuart Smith, of Woodlawn Avenue, "for his warning us over the loudspeaker about persons he believed to be pickpockets riding the Howard train. As a person who has to ride the 'L' frequently late at night, I greatly appreciate the conductor's attention, concern and courage. Please thank him for me and the other persons he protects from theft."



Maurice Sutton [No. 4 Cottage Grove, 77th Street garage] "was a pleasure to ride with," according to Mrs. Donna Greene, of Cottage Grove Avenue. "I was amazed at how courteous he was to each passenger boarding and leaving his bus. He actually greeted each with a 'Hello! How are you?' and as each one left, he wished them a 'Good evening.' You also knew where you were because he called each stop."



Robert Taylor [No. 84 Peterson, Forest Glen garage] was commended by Stephen Miyagawa, of Dorchester Avenue. "He is not only reliable, punctual, and courteous to his passengers, but shows concern for their safety, especially the senior citizens, physically disabled and the blind. He has a pleasant disposition, but is firm with those who try to free-load. He also offers service with a smile."



Samuel Bellmon [No. 37 Sedgwick/Ogden, Limits garage] was complimented by Lola Shreve, of South Blue Island Avenue. "He is a real polite man, always has a smile on his face, and has a cheery greeting for everyone. When someone gets on his bus and gives him a bad time, he just smiles and says, 'Have a nice day.' He is very friendly when people ask directions, and always gives them a helping hand."

commendations since our last listing

Patricia Klobucar, Archer
Robert Kremer, North Park
Richard Kusek, Forest Glen

Lee Lampley, 77th Street
Leroy Landry, Limits
Joseph Lawrence, 69th Street
Joseph Lima, Forest Glen
Teresa Lopez, Forest Glen
Alexander Love, Kedzie
Amy Love, Kedzie
Gregorio Lugo, Forest Glen

Nazario Magana, North Park
Janis Marino, Limits
Kenneth Martin, Kedzie
Hue Maxwell, 77th Street
Paul McCoy, Kedzie
Michelle Mead, Limits
Theodore Merriweather, 77th Street
Earl Miles, Kedzie
Gluseppe Militello, North Avenue
Fredrick Miller, North Park
Sammy Miller, Forest Glen
Daniel Miller, Jefferson Park
Isalas Molina, Forest Glen
Howard Monore, North Park
Abdul Muhammad, 77th Street
Ubaldo Munoz, North Park

Frankie Nelson, Archer
Fredrick Nelson, Archer
Howard Norman, Rail District

Tyrone Olivier, Forest Glen
Florinda Orcasitas, Archer
Paul Osipavicius, Archer

Robert Patterson, Kedzie
Fredrick Pepke, Limits
Julio Perez, North Park
James Przybylski, North Park

Billy Ragsdale, 77th Street
Clyde Randolph, 69th Street
Doris Ray, Limits
George Reynolds Jr., Ashland
Darryl Richards, Kedzie
Leon Richmond, North Avenue
Sherman Robinson, Kedzie
Felix Rodriguez, Forest Glen
Silvia Rodriguez, Forest Glen
Miguel Rodriguez, Howard/Kimball
Lonnie Rupert, Beverly

Dale Sanders, 69th Street
Angelo Santana, Archer

Vernon Sims, North Park
Joseph Smith, Limits
Theodas Smith Jr., 77th Street
Vincent Spann, 77th Street
Larry Sparks, Forest Glen
Marion Stubbs, North Park

Sterling Tharp Jr., 77th Street
Brian Thomas, Archer
Mary Thrower, Douglas/Congress
Mamie Twine, North Section

Frank Vazquez, North Avenue

William Ward, Forest Glen
Wayne Wardlow, Kedzie
Homer Wilkerson, 77th Street
Anthony Williams, Archer
Ethel Wilson, Archer
Artis Wilson, North Park
Waldridge Witherspoon, Howard/Kimball

Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Librarian is SPSA winner



Professionalism, skill, fun and adventure spirited by a sense of good humor are the quintessence of quality and the aspiration of most CTA employees. It is also the essence of CTA Supervisor of Library Services **Lillian Dallas Culbertson**, a winner of the 1988 Superior Public Service Award.

The Superior Public Service Awards program recognizes outstanding public employees in the executive, professional, supervisory, clerical, public safety, and general service categories.

Judy Genesen, director of Information Services, nominated Culbertson for recognition as an outstanding professional employee to be honored at the 20th annual awards program which was held June 16 at the Palmer House. Ms. Culbertson was one of

two honorees in the professional category. SPSA 1988 honored 14 Chicagoans with the coveted trophy.

Bus controller **James Stephen**, a CTA employee for 27 years, was an SPSA finalist in the general service category. Stephen was nominated by Superintendent of Bus Communication **Lino Alcaraz** in recognition of his outstanding community service in education, scouting, and stewardship as financial secretary for the Southlawn United Methodist Church.

Executive Office Manager **Rebecca Cousin**, Office of Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, a 29-year employee, was also a finalist in the clerical category. Ms. Cousin was nominated by Dr. Paaswell in recognition of her outstanding job performance.

Culbertson is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College, and holds a master of arts degree in librarianship from the University of Denver. Her career as a librarian has taken her from her native Missouri's public schools to the Wichita, Kansas, City Library as well as positions in Skokie, Oak Park, and finally CTA.

Along the way, Lil has raced sail boats, navigated rallies for exotic sports cars, and explored uncharted areas of the Rocky Mountains by jeep. She has studied and traveled, extending her knowledge and love of the history, archaeology, and contemporary culture of the Latin Americas and the Southwestern United States. Although she loves to spend her leisure time reading, she will just as often spend time watching the ducks and gardening at her country cottage.

In the 13 years Lil Culbertson has been with CTA, she has distinguished herself by her creativity and her extraordinary ability to set priorities. She also has a delightful sense of humor which frequently powers her enthusiasm for achievement.

She is credited with taking on the major responsibility for the creation of the first, and often acknowledged "best public transit library in the country."

As supervisor of Technical Services, Lil spent her initial seven years with CTA establishing and cataloging the Anthon Memorial Library collection, which is housed in Room 779 of the Merchandise Mart.

Thanks to her initiative, the CTA library was the first special library to be selected by the Illinois State Library to receive a computer terminal to access the national bibliographic database known as OCLC, a system which provides Library of Congress information on books as well as other vital reader information.

Though her skill in the use of the database, and her efforts to teach other special librarians, the use and costs of this system have been shared for 12 years with a group of other libraries such as that of the United Way Metropolitan Chicago.

Lil Culbertson's pioneering "cluster" made this important network available to CTA and to some other small libraries which could not have afforded to belong individually. Librarians she has coached in OCLC skills are now located throughout the Chicago area and beyond.



Spirit of Chicago honors three for service and caring

The merits which earned bus controller **James Stephen** recognition as a finalist in the 1988 Superior Public Service Awards program also brought him the CTA Chairman's Spirit of Chicago honors.

Stephen, along with Kedzie bus operator **Michael Ollins**, and Forest Glen operator **Charles Hicks**, were recipients of Spirit of Chicago awards at the April 6 CTA Board meeting.

Each honoree received a certificate of appreciation from the Chicago Transit Board, and an American Express dinner gift cheque for two.

Stephen is a member of the Illinois State North Central Association which evaluates the performance of Chicago area public school staffs, and reviews and assesses curriculum goals and objectives.

He is also assistant scoutmaster for Troop 739 in his Burnside community and financial secretary of the Southlawn United Methodist church.

Ollins was praised for rescuing a man who was being bludgeoned by an angry mob with crowbars. While making a stop at 62nd and Kedzie Avenue on the Kedzie-California bus, he saw the seven men attacking their victim.

He pulled the man aboard his bus to safety and notified the Control Center. Police were alerted, and five of the offenders were apprehended. Ollins was also cited by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Operator Hicks, a 30-year CTA veteran, earned recognition for administering first aid to an apparent heart attack victim after the man collapsed on the sidewalk in the 3700



CTA's recent Spirit of Chicago honorees proudly display their certificates. They are [from left] bus controller James Stephen, Forest Glen bus operator Charles Hicks, and Kedzie bus operator Michael Ollins.

block of West Belmont Avenue.

The stricken man was taken to a local hospital, where doctors verified that he could possibly have died if Operator Hicks had not responded immediately.

Walter J. Clark, then CTA chairman who made the presentations, said, "These three men are what CTA is all about—service and caring for the community and its citizens. They are exceptional people."

Training

Mail Clerk Willie Poole, a board member and general office representative for members of Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 241, has completed phase three of an intensive four-phase Labor Education program at Roosevelt University. Poole, a former bus operator, joined CTA in 1976.



Employee appreciation day honors transit workers



Rail personnel wait at the restored Quincy-Wells rapid transit station where the motif is reminiscent of the 1800s era. CTA's antique train operated on the inner Loop in celebration of Employee Appreciation Day.

Chicago, the city that works, said thank you to its transit workers as representatives of Major Eugene Sawyer's office, and other officials, tipped their hats to CTA employees on May 13, National Transit Team Appreciation Day.

It was the highlight of National Transportation Week, as the American Public Transit Association-sponsored day gave Chicagoans "an opportunity to express appreciation for CTA employees who provide daily service, and who always do a tremendous job," said **Norman Herron**, superintendent of the CTA Training Center.

Herron emphasized that CTA personnel at Daley Center Plaza for the first National Transit Team Appreciation Day are only a fraction of the outstanding CTA employees serving Chicago.

In a joint letter to operating personnel, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation, **Frank Wilson**, and **Harry Reddrick**, deputy executive director, Operations, said, "—National Transit Team Appreciation Day honors you— the bus

operator, the ticket agent, the conductor, the motorman, and focuses public attention on your unceasing efforts to provide safe, efficient, dependable, and courteous transportation for our riders.

"Words cannot express the pride and appreciation we feel for your accomplishments. We salute your unceasing dedication to our mission—providing quality transit service that meets the need of metropolitan Chicago."

Meanwhile, the public was greeted by uniformed representatives of CTA at Daley Plaza, and the CTA Mobile Information Center was opened to visitors. Several examples of vintage CTA rolling stock, as well as modern transit vehicles, were on exhibit for public viewing and inspection.

CTA's antique train was also pressed into service on the inner Loop, operating with a single stop at the Quincy-Wells station. Tickets for free train rides were given to people who attended the ceremony at Daley Plaza. CTA representatives also distributed 6,000 buttons with the official "Hats off" logo. Recognition of

CTA operating employees continued as work sites also conducted open houses on May 20 to again say "Hats off" to workers. Refreshments were served at each location.

The week was climaxed with a CTA Appreciation Night at Comiskey Park, where the Chicago White Sox took the field against the Detroit Tigers. Discount tickets, and 2,500 free tickets to the White Sox-Tigers game were available for all employees. The free tickets were distributed between employees of CTA, PACE, METRA, and RTA who also participated in Transportation Week activities.

Operations personnel on the Appreciation Day organizing committee were: **Norman Herron**, **Linda Grysbeck**, **Arthur Hubbard**, **Thomas Wilson**, **John Perkins**, **Thomas Reilly**, **Lester Racker**, **Clark Carter**, **William Nichols**, **Charlie Hodges**, **Mel Link**, **Jim Zepp**, and **James Pate**. Others were **Rosemarie Gulley**, Media Relations; **Elda Leal**, Community Relations; **Michael Taylor** and **Ronald Weslow**, Marketing.

Outlaws regain basketball championship

The Outlaws, last year's dethroned intramural basketball kings, took the Washington Park Fieldhouse court against the General Office Raiders, victors of '87, with blood in their eyes, revenge in their hearts, and victory as their goal--and they were successful.

The Raiders were tough--as tough as you'd expect defending champions to be. They met their opponents in a double elimination for the prized spherical trophy, and edged the Outlaws in the first game 103-96.

They looked like trouble, and they were, but in the end the Outlaws were double trouble as, true to their name, they outshot the contending champions 97-89 to make it a game apiece. The tie-breaking third game told the story however, as the two rivals battled on for the coveted trophy. Although the Raiders were formidable, in the end the Outlaws were best as they won the final game 98-87 and took the honors back to 95th Street terminal.

The 1988 Outlaws ended the regular season with a 19-2 record. Their two losses, like the first playoff game, went to their old nemesis, the Raiders. The two teams have been heads up favorites for basketball fans since CTA intramural basketball action began.

The champion cagers, considered ATU 308's division toughs, joined the league in 1979 as the Panthers, and were winners in their first season. They assumed the name "Outlaws" in 1982 under Coach **Arthur Hubbard**, and have continued to be championship players.

The team has attracted such players as the University of Wisconsin's **Michael Ewing**, who sought a berth on the Milwaukee Bucs squad during



Coach Arthur Hubbard (left) assists Ardis Morris, superintendent, South Section, with the "cake of champions" presented to the team at a 95th Street terminal luncheon which was hosted by Terry Colbert, Gloria Matticx, Mona Portis, and Carmen Parker.

the 1974-75 season when the likes of Quinn Buckner and Scott May were vying for Bucs' jerseys. Ewing joined CTA in 1979, the first year of the championship Outlaws.

He is joined on the CTA intramural court by veteran CTA point expert **John Harvey**, a former play maker and hot shooter for Olive-Harvey College. Harvey has also been a top item on several Chicago Park district teams.

Other Outlaw shooters are: **Douglas Parker, Charles Rowe, Eric Williams, William Turner, Harold Taylor, Kendall Clark**, and

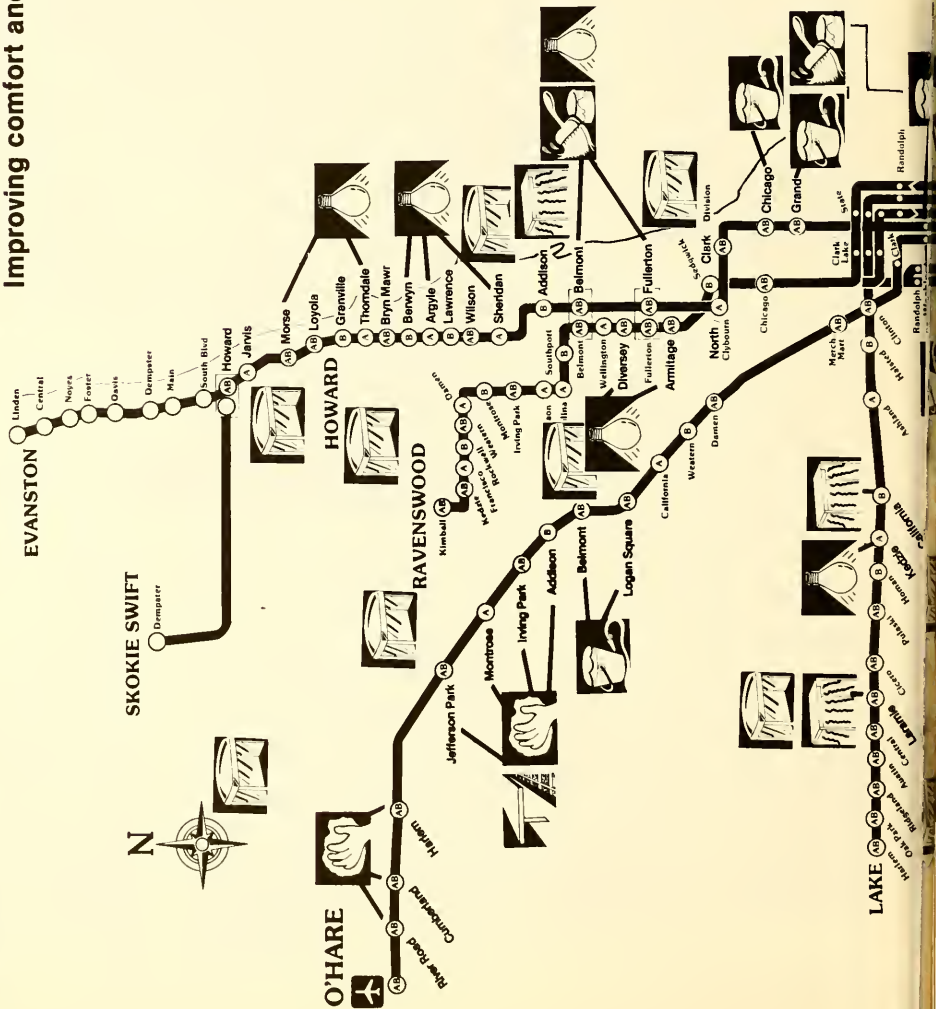
Jim Price. Hubbard is general manager and coach.

Meanwhile, the Raiders have served notice--just wait until next year. Over the last four years, as South Section Superintendent of the Outlaws basketball team, **Ardis Morris** has the distinction of owning three championship rings as well as three trophies. The trophies are on exhibit at his 95th Street terminal headquarters, and are a source of pride to terminal personnel. **Elonzo Hill** is the team manager.

GOING YOUR WAY



Improving comfort and convenience for our riders



CTA Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell** recently announced a 21-point plan to upgrade the quality of CTA passenger security, comfort, cleanliness, convenience, and communication. "Each of the projects will have a positive, meaningful effect on our customers' day-to-day use of CTA this year," Paaswell said. The existing 1988 budget--without special grants or funding.

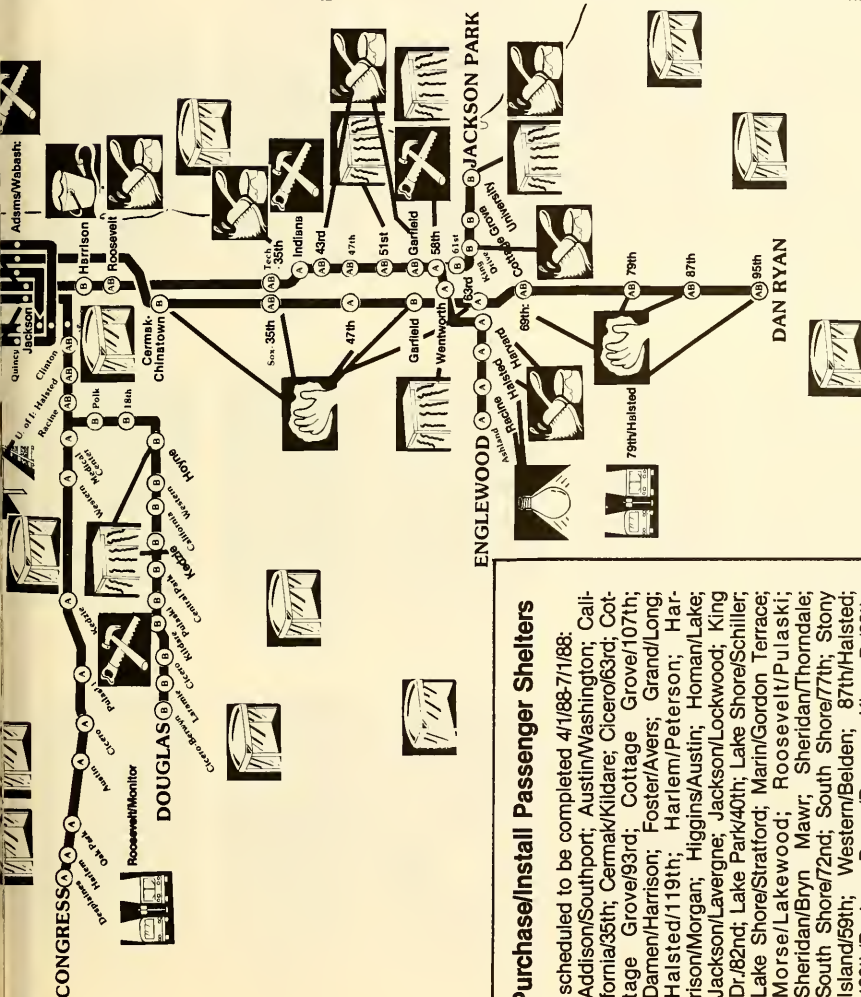
"The 'Going Your Way' program is the first time CTA has made a clear commitment to the public to produce specific results within a definite period of time," Paaswell said.

"A concentrated effort will be made to clean and maintain 'L' stations throughout our service area, and to provide more heaters and windbreaks for waiting riders on platforms," Paaswell added. "Among the other projects our riders will be noticing are the renovation of rapid transit stations at 58th street and at 40th and Indiana on the South Side Main Line, and initiation of work at the Pulaski station on the Douglas branch.

"The program also includes added undercover surveillance on buses and rapid transit trains and the installation of new lighting at 'L' stations," confirmed Paaswell.

Additionally, the program includes the installation of bus shelters in every part of the city, a faster system of handling isomer assistance calls,

we are keeping their comfort and convenience at the top of our priority list," Paaswell stressed.



Purchase/Install Passenger Shelters

- 37 scheduled to be completed 4/1/88-7/1/88:
- Addison/Southport; Austin/Washington; California/35th; Cermak/Kildare; Cicero/63rd; Cottage Grove/93rd; Cottage Grove/107th; Damen/Harrison; Foster/Avers; Grand/Long; Halsted/119th; Harlem/Peterson; Harrison/Morgan; Higgins/Austin; Homan/Lake; Jackson/Laverne; Jackson/Lockwood; King Dr./82nd; Lake Park/40th; Lake Shore/Schiller; Lake Shore/Stratford; Marin/Gordon Terrace; Morse/Lakewood; Roosevelt/Pulaski; Sheridan/Bryn Mawr; Sheridan/Thorndale; South Shore/72nd; South Shore/77th; Stony Island/59th; Western/Belden; 87th/Halsted; 100th/Paxton; Devon/Damen; King Dr./38th; Lake Shore/Sheridan; Racine/76th; Talcott/7435 W.

Class of '88 - Congratulations!



**NILKA DAMARIS
ALVARADO**
Dr. Pla H.S.
Saul Alvarado
Kedzie Garage



FREDDIE ANDREWS
Ridge South H.S.
Emma L. Richardson
West Section
Gregory Richardson
South Section



**JENNIFER
ARMSTRONG**
Whitney Young H.S.
Jerry Armstrong
61st St. Maint.



**JERRY R.
ARMSTRONG**
DeLaSalle Institute
Edwin Armstrong
Retired



**KELLY R.
ARMSTRONG**
Hampton University
Jerry Armstrong
61st St. Maint.



JOHNNY BAKER
Simeon Vocational H.S.
Allen Baker
Limits



**GREGORY
BENISHISH**
Lake Park H.S.
Ron Benishish
Industrial Safety



MICHAEL BENSHISH
Millikin University
Ron Benishish
Industrial Safety



TIM BERRY
Brother Rice H.S.
Anthony Berry
Control Center



**BERNARDO A.
BROOKS**
Oak Hill H.S.
Margo Brooks
DBE Program



BIANCA BROWN
Taft H.S.
Arthur E. Brown
Douglas/54th



KIMBERLY D. BROWN
Whitney Young H.S.
William A. Brown
CTA Security
Rita J. Brown
South Section



ROBERT A. BRUNO
Taft H.S.
Robert R. Bruno
Madison & Wabash



GEOFFREY BRUNSON
Brother Rice H.S.
Glen Brunson
Equip. Eng. & Maint.



**DAVID DALE
CARTER**
Carver H.S.
Dale E. Carter
Treasury



**DIETRICH M.
CATHERINE**
Academy of Our Lady
Beverly J. Catherine
Field Review



**CHRISTINE M.
CLIFFORD**
Bradley University
Patrick J. Clifford
Financial Services



**PAMELA DeON
CLARK**
Morgan Park H.S.
George Clark
Control Center



**STEPHANIE
DANIELS**
Percy L. Julian H.S.
Eugene Daniels
District C



**KATHLEEN M.
DAQUILANTE**
Mother Theodore Guerin
H.S.
Joseph Daquilante
Control Center



CHARMIN J. EVANS
Mother McAuley H.S.
Lampton R. Evans
South Rail



JOSEPH Y. EVANS
DeLaSalle H.S.
Lampton R. Evans
South Rail



**ELIZABETH ANN
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G. R. Clark H.S.
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KATHY A. GREEN
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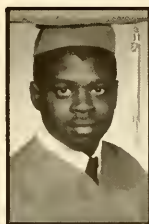
June Graduates, CTA Families



KURT GUNDERSEN
Taft H.S.
Harry Seely
Howard Street



LORI ANN GUSTAVSON
Manatee H.S.
Eric Gustavson
South Shops



KEITH HARRINGTON
Wyandotte H.S.
Greffen Harrington
North Rail



CATHLEEN CARRIE HOFFERT
Streamwood H.S.
Michael J. Hoffert
Photographic Services



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Bowen H.S.
Ronald Howard
95th-Dan Ryan



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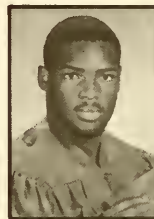
CRYSTAL JACKSON
Fenger H.S.
Chris Jackson
77th Street



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Chicago Vocational
Coy Jacobs
Limits



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Barat College
John Kurinec
Retired



DANA E. LANGHAM
Percy L. Julian H.S.
Rosie Davenport
Ashland Terminal



KATRINA LINDSEY
Rich East H.S.
Ricky Lindsey
Operations



PAMELA M. MACK
Iowa State University
Joe W. Mack
Ashland Terminal



ANDRE MARTIN
Homewood/Flossmoor
H.S.
J. C. Martin
North Rail



KEISHA L. MARTIN
Whitney Young H.S.
Sterling L. Martin
Control Center



JEFFREY MCGEE
Thomton Township H.S.
Lula McGee
77th Street



LATANYA D. MEAD
Providence-St. Mel H.S.
Cora L. Davis
Howard/Kimball



LATAUNA D. MEAD
Providence-St. Mel H.S.
Cora L. Davis
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Good Counsel H.S.
Austin Moran
Madison & Wabash



MONICA MORTON
Lindbloom Tech. H.S.
Luster L. Morton
North Bus District



MICHAEL MURPHY
Rich Township H.S.-East
Patrick Murphy
Fac. Engr. & Maint.



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James Robinson
Training Center



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Rolling Meadows H.S.
Harold J. Rowbottom
Retired



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Eisenhower H.S.
Branton C. Scaife II
95th Terminal



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Downers Grove South
Andrew Schmidt
Planning, Mktg. & Dvlp.



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Ed Schwamb North Park
Donno Schwamb
Capital Development



WANDA BRENT SMITH
Bogan H.S.
Charlotte Brent
North Section



TRACY SOLSBERRY BOWEN
Bowen H.S.
Mottie Solsberry
Beverly



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Beverly



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Skokie Shops



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Howard Street



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West Rail District



HOWARD L. YOUNG JR.
Lane Tech H.S.
Howard L. Young Sr.
95th-Dan Ryan



PAUL ZOGG
Brother Rice H.S.
Collette Zogg
Oper's Trng./Instruc.



Utility keeps CTA rolling

"The Utility Section is the heartbeat of the CTA," says **John Winkler**, the section's director. And Winkler can back up his boast.

When there is a derailed train, disabled bus, fire or just about any transit-related catastrophe, the Utility Section is one of the first summoned.

The tragedy of a train-person accident leaves onlookers in a state of shock as they watch the Utility Section workers and fire department paramedics work quickly.

Using jacking equipment, Utility Section workers are adept at facilitating the evacuation of 'L' train accident victims by paramedics to the nearest hospital, in the hope of sustaining a life or averting permanent injury.

News accounts of such tragedies only mention the paramedics' work, which is OK with Utility Section workers. They know they have done another good job when they have removed the victim and the trains are moving again.

"Our 162 workers, with their 429 pieces of equipment, are responsible for the removal of all obstructions that disrupt passenger service," Winkler said. "That even includes snow plowing and salting of about 300 miles of city and suburban streets, along with bus garage and rail terminal parking lots, and 116 bus turnarounds.



Within minutes of this March 11 Lake-Dan Ryan train derailment, which occurred at 18th and State street, a utility crew was on the scene and ready to facilitate the restoration of service.

"We're responsible for towing all disabled buses and getting stalled buses started, not to mention rushing to the scenes of fires, and damage to the elevated structure. You name it, and we've probably done it," he said.

Utility Section workers drive the armored cars and vault trucks when Treasury department employees pick up and deliver cash collected from 'L' station turnstiles and bus garage vault islands and take the money to the central counting facility. On the other

hand, Utility Section workers and trucks make the daily pick-up of tons of garbage removed from buses, trains, and all passenger facilities and maintenance areas.

When there is a derailment on the elevated structure the Utility Section is again among the first to be called to the scene. Their awesome 40-ton cranes expedite rerailling, restoration of power, and resumption of service. It means another job well done.



Another crew works to return two trucks of derailed car 2609 to the tracks in the 98th street yard.



Fiesta Patronales

CTA Hispanic employees, family members, and friends gathered at Dearborn Street and Kinzie to step off with the June 18 "Fiesta Patronales." The annual Puerto Rican Day parade included a beautifully decorated float entered by the Hispanic American Transit Association [HATA]. Other CTA vehicles appearing in the parade were the mini bus from South Shops, and this double decker Chicago Motor Coach bus. Riding atop the vehicle, flanked by two youths, are Bertram Mims, supervisor, CTA Community Relations, and Mrs. Elda Leal, director, Community Relations. Proudly waving flags during the festive occasion are [from left] Fermin Claudio, HATA public relations, and Wilfredo Cuevas, treasurer. Others [back row] are Susana Flores, HATA secretary, Socorrito and Maria Grabowski, HATA President Felipe Gonzalez, and David Perez, president, National Hispanic Transportation Organization [NHTO]. Included among grand marshalls was CTA Senior Deputy Executive Director Gloria Chevere.

WIN Machine

If you've ever operated a cash station you're going to appreciate the Worker Information Network [W.I.N.] machine installed at the Merchandise Mart and 24 other CTA work locations.

The W.I.N. machine provides employees easy access to benefit information 24 hours a day. You will be provided with an individually coded access number which will allow you to retrieve the information requested from the W.I.N. machine.

This new convenience machine will hold the answers to benefit questions on



health and life insurance, retirement, disability, and deferred compensation benefits.

Employees will also learn about a new negotiated Pacesetter benefit which provides both savings and protection coverages for you and your family. Individual meetings will be scheduled with employees to explain how the machine works and to issue access numbers, as well as explain the newly negotiated Pacesetter benefit.

FOND FAREWELL

Just wild
about
Harry

The house was packed, the food was good, and there was plenty of laughter, glad handing, and back slapping going on. Friends, co-workers, and more than a few retirees showed up at the Sauganash Room in the Mart Plaza to prove they were "just wild about Harry."

Harry Reddick, deputy executive director for Operations, was bidding adieu to his distinguished CTA career of 38 years, and a lot of people who remember him and their struggles together up the career ladder gathered for an evening of tribute to Reddick.

"I remember hearing a booming voice coming down the hall to my office one day, and it was Harry Reddick," said Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, "and, since that day, we have had a great working relationship. I will miss him, and I know that you will," he concluded.

CTA Board Member **J. Douglas Donenfeld**, noting his somewhat newcomer status when compared to Reddick's 38 years of service, also had kudos for Reddick's exemplary record. "The CTA has been fortunate to have had his service for 38 years," said Donenfeld. Another board member, **James I. Charlton**, a former CTA employee under Reddick, also spoke highly of the Operations deputy, noting that he spent his career encouraging performance excellence.



Retiring Deputy Executive Director, Operations Harry Reddick proudly accepts commemorative plaque from Dr. Paaswell, CTA Executive Director.

Labor Relations Manager **James Marshall** recalled that Reddick often made the difference in arbitrations. Marshall also thanked him for being a friend over the years. Retiree **James Blaa**, who was manager of Transportation when Reddick was named director of Transportation Personnel in 1976, highlighted Reddick's career for those less familiar with his achievements, and welcomed him to the ranks of retirees. "Whatever Harry decides to do from here on, I'm sure he'll do well," said Blaa.

"Enough of this nice guy stuff," began **Alex Johnson** as he recalled his years of service with Reddick as his boss. "They said we look alike, but

you can tell us apart because Harry has a mustache," said Johnson, who succeeded Reddick as director of Transportation Personnel.

Safety Manager **Thomas Boyle**, who also roasted Reddick, said, "Harry, over the years we've had a few arguments, but I want you to be a man and stand up here and admit to all these people that I was right, and you were wrong." Boyle presented Reddick with a plaque of memorabilia of his career.

Master of ceremonies and Rail Transportation Manager **Elnzo Hill** also presented Reddick with tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Operations Division.

FOND FAREWELL



Kay Corcoran

Kay Corcoran, executive secretary for Treasury Manager William Buetow, takes a trip down memory lane with her boss at her retirement open house, which was held in the CTA Board room April 27. Kay

closed a career of 36 years with CTA on May 1. Co-workers later hosted a dinner for Ms. Corcoran at Top of the Plaza which was attended by 300 guests.



Kelsey King

Louis Sanford (left), superintendent, Budget/Manpower Planning, Operations Division, presents retiring planning analyst Kelsey King of Technical Services with a token of appreciation from the Operations Division, during an open

house in his honor which was held in the Operations Conference Room. King, who will move to Hot Springs, Arkansas, joined CTA pensioners on June 1 after 28 years of service.

RETIREMENTS April

James N. Alley, Racine, 17 Years
Bertil J. Anderson, North Park, 25 Years
William H. Barrow, Archer, 30 Years
Harold L. Blanks, Lawndale, 35 Years
Edward J. Freeman, Madison/Wabash, 35 Years
Harold J. Friedl, Gen'l Atty., 41 Years
William J. Hairston, 77th Street, 28 Years
Charles N. Harper, South Shops, 31 Years
H. D. Herring, West Shops, 25 Years
Arthur J. Joe Sr., Schedules, 30 Years
Henry Keane, West Shops, 39 Years
Albert Lowery, North Park, 27 Years
Delbert M. Martz, O'Hare, 28 Years
Charles C. Nichols, District C, 36 Years
Leonard J. Quinlan, North Park, 25 Years
Frank Rodriguez, Law, 11 Years
LaVerne M. Schultz, Office Services, 24 Years
Herbert K. Slack, Kedzie, 29 Years
Patrick Soden, Des Plaines, 28 Years
Robert C. Thomas, Control Center, 25 Years
Donaldson Thompson, 63rd Street, 26 Years
William H. Warren, Kedzie, 18 Years
Raleigh Washington, 69th Street, 35 Years
Robert L. Zirkle, Kedzie, 30 Years

Disabilities

Earl Beed, 77th Street, 13 Years
Linda F. Bruce, West Section, 13 Years
Willie Burks Jr., Madison & Wabash, 20 Years
Juarez L. Goodrich, Kedzie, 17 Years
Elnora C. Henderson, Kimball, 12 Years

May

Bernard J. Barton, Forest Glen, 19 Years
Harvey G. Bey, Kedzie, 27 Years
Millie Blagojevich, O'Hare, 17 Years
Billy Brown, South Shops, 31 Years
Harry L. Brown, 63rd Street, 31 Years
Wilbur C. Cooley Sr., 61st Street, 37 Years
Catherine V. Corcoran, Finance, 25 Years
Jerry Crawford, Archer, 25 Years
Louis L. Dixon, Transportation, 30 Years
William O. Goss, West Shops, 10 Years
Joe R. Hull, South Shops, 31 Years
Goldwyn H. James, 69th Street, 34 Years
Ronald A. Knox, Beverly, 29 Years
Michael L. Loran, Kedzie, 34 Years
Raymond B. Pacheco, West Shops, 11 Years
Antone J. Shimkus, Archer, 16 Years
William M. Smith, 77th Street, 31 Years
Vertus P. Sutherland, South Shops, 21 Years
Willie D. Walker, Archer, 25 Years

Disabilities

Darsnell Boyd, Kedzie, 10 Years
Samuel Clark Jr., Beverly, 34 Years
Clarence C. Guse, North Park, 24 Years
James P. Johnson, North Park, 10 Years
Patricia L. Last, Finance, 21 Years
Shirley Peoples, Beverly, 13 Years
Edward C. Pietri, West Section, 12 Years
Jesse S. Wells, South Section, 21 Years

Lou Dixon

The 77th Street garage lunchroom was filled as 325 friends of Bus Service director **Lou Dixon** gathered for his retirement celebration.

The April 29 affair, honoring the native Mississippian who served CTA for 30 years, offered guests a buffet luncheon as they showered Dixon and his wife **Laura** with an outpouring of gifts and some well-chosen words of praise.

Responding in his usual slow, low-keyed southern manner, Dixon said, "I've been told a speech should have a good beginning, a good ending, and then put them both together for a successful speech. Thank you all for everything."

The Dixons plan to live in their Bolingbrook home and so some traveling, and, Lou said, "Plenty of rockin' in my old rockin' chair."



Lou Dixon displays the warm wishes and great feel of cash from co-workers who donated big bucks for the big man as he

closed a successful lifetime CTA career. Sharing the celebration is his wife **Laura**.



Harold Friedl

The outstretched arms of **Harold Friedl** demonstrate his amazement at the amount of special treats brought by Claims/Law department co-workers and friends. The open house celebration honored Friedl, as he closed his career of 41 years on April 1.



Arthur Joe

The new fishing tackle being passed to retiring traffic checker **Arthur J. Joe Sr.** [right] is just the kind of gift needed by an avid fisherman. Making the presentation is Director of Schedules **Norman Oswald**. Joe retired April 1 after 38 years of CTA service.

June

Evelyn M. Carolan, O'Hare Terminal, 17 Years
John Doorey, Madison/Wabash, 25 Years
Edward J. Egan, Gen'l Atty./Law, 11 Years
Harry Harris, West Shops, 29 Years
Eugene Hill, West Shops, 31 Years
Gerald F. Hogan, State/Lake, 30 Years
George A. Hunt, South Shops, 25 Years
Kelsey King, Transp. Admnstrn., 28 Years
James H. McManus, Kimball, 39 Years

Melvin M. Miller, 69th Street, 33 Years
Robert L. Poellnitz, West Shops, 37 Years
Anthony Polich, South Shops, 27 Years
Clarence P. Shepard, District B, 31 Years
Mitchell J. Szalwa, Forest Glen, 30 Years
Alfred T. Thomas, Randolph/Wells, 25 Years
Ralph W. Watzke, O'Hare, 25 Years
Frank S. Zaborowski, North Park, 26 Years

Disabilities

Maria M. Agnew, North Park, 10 Years
Barbara Gutierrez, Lawndale, 10 Years
Charles Lyons, Beverly, 7 Years
Marvin Vaughn, Transportation, 14 Years
Eloise Wilkinson, O'Hare, 13 Years

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INSIDE NEWS

69th Street

Let me note how good it feels to be back at work and writing for *Inside News*. To those who missed me during the past month, I was out with the flu. I need your newsworthy items, so please share them with me ... Bus operator/line instructor **William [Hot Rod] Jones** was pulling out of the garage a few weeks back when he saw a robbery taking place against supervisor in charge of bus sign-out **Gerald Mallory**. He stopped his bus and yelled at the assailant, which was enough to slow the robber's pace and allow police to capture him as he was leaving the scene. It's a blessing that no one was hurt in the exchange ... Spring is here and romance is in the air for bus operator **Carmen Calderon** and her fiancé **Manuel Garcia**. Wedding plans are incomplete ... I could hear a soft-spoken voice say 'Hello Ellie,' and turned to see **Sarah Ruth Anderson**, a bus operator and line instructor who died on March 12. She had been a CTA employee for 10 years. Sarah was a friend who always found the time to listen to one's problems, or collect for the sick or needy, and she never talked about her own situation. All of us who experienced the joy of knowing Sarah have learned to care a little more. She was a member of our benevolence committee, and she helped us out at each Thanksgiving dinner when she was able. Sarah's life outside of CTA also reflected her personality and her love for helping people. She had served as chairperson of the administrative board, and was superintendent of the Sunday school at her church. She was also counselor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and a member of the finance committee. Where God guides, He provides. Man's love is limited, but God's love is unlimited. My sweet, sweet friend, you'll surely be missed.

Ellie Head



Congratulations and best wishes to Lawndale bus operator Javondlynn M. Dunagan who graduated in May with a baccalaureate degree in sociology from Hampton University at Hampton, Va. Ms. Dunagan will attend the University of Chicago this fall to being graduate studies in the School of Social Service Administration.

77th Street

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilkerson [he's a 77th street operator] were honored with a cruise to Nassau for their 25th wedding anniversary, complements of daughters **Karen, Kimberly, and Sherry**. The happy and surprised couple set sail aboard the *Madrigas* May 12 from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



Six-year-old Maria Valtierra, daughter of Bus Instructor Joe and Rachel Valtierra, topped St. Ann Kindergarten students in a 50-word Spelling Bee. Maria, who is now a St. Ann first-grader, was the proud winner of the trophy and ribbon awarded in the contest.

Service anniversaries in May

40 Years

Vernon Kee, Elect. Mtce.
Edward Kuberski, Utility
George Thurman, Kedzie

35 Years

Michael Loran, Kedzie

30 Years

James Hall, Beverly
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Lee Oak, Bus Instruction
James Sernek, Archer
Mitchell Thomas, Rail Instruction

25 Years

Roosevelt Cory, Rail Dist. North
Solomon Davis, North Avenue
Robert Domikaitis, South Shops
John Doorey, Janitor Service
Anthony Hotko, Archer
William Moreland, Forest Glen
John Reynolds, 77th Street
Ralph Sullivan, Turnstile Oper's
Ralph Watzke, West Section

June

45 Years

John O'Connor, Central Counting
Michael Vitale, Claims

35 Years

James Farr, 69th Street
Joseph Gingras, Mgmt. Info./Syst. Devlpt.
Jerry West Jr., South Section

30 Years

C. W. Baxa, Media Relations
William Holliday, Racine Mtce.
Charles Marble, General Attorney's Office
Cleophus McGee, 77th Street
Jerome Ryan, Forest Glen
Herbert Slack, Kedzie

25 Years

Richard Antonovich, Utility
Phyllis Brzeczek, Chicago Transit Board
Paul Daniels, Schedules
Joseph Doyle, Ashland Terminal
David Duncan, Ashland Terminal
Patrick Forde, General Mtce
John Grace, Bus District D
Joseph Jamison, Stores-South
Teddy Kaczmarek, Douglas/Congress
James Kolstad, Beverly
John Oddo, Communication Mtce.
Robert Plant, Machine Shop
Paul Stokes, Kedzie

General Office

Virginia Dare McGraw, that nice lady who is executive administrative assistant for Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation, **Frank Wilson**, is very grateful to all who pledged or otherwise contributed to her diligent efforts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Through your

contributions Ginny raised over \$800 for this grand cause. "Bless you one and all," says Ginny, and "thanks again." ... Another nice lady, **Mrs. Pamela Williams** of Personnel Administration, is hoping that the 35-year-old photograph of a young

woman in her early 20s will be returned to her soon. Mrs. Williams lost the 5-1/2 by 7-inch photo on the 'L', possibly in the motorcab, on April 14. Anyone with information concerning such a picture should contact Mrs. Williams on Ext. 3493, Mart.

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Daniel T. Arnold, 85, Electrical, Emp. 7-18-40, Died 2-17-88
Lomer P. Arnesseau, 80, Beverly, Emp. 11-5-28, Died 3-28-88
Paul P. Bagato, 75, West Section, Emp. 5-14-46, Died 4-23-88
Edward Battle, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 6-06-52, Died 4-09-88
Elmer R. Bay, 78, Central Dist., Emp. 12-17-40, Died 2-14-88
Lovette E. Bentley, 85, North Sect., Emp. 8-22-46, Died 12-20-87
Joseph Bellavia, 92, General Office, Emp. 5-14-29, Died 3-31-88
Angelo Bianchini, 67, North Section, Emp. 11-10-43, Died 4-13-88
Leon Brown, 67, Lawndale, Emp. 6-20-55, Died 4-28-88
Thomas W. Burns, 77, Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-42, Died 4-27-88
Pharaoh Cain, 83, South Sect., Emp. 7-20-45, Died 3-07-88
Earling L. Carlson, 76, North Park, Emp. 2-26-34, Died 2-11-88
Mitchell Colquitt, 49, Transportation, Emp. 11-19-62, Died 4-20-88
Arthur T. Cooper, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 12-15-42, Died 4-11-88
Stillman Crawford, 74, Veh. Mct., Emp. 9-9-48, Died 2-12-88
James F. Daly, 84, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-27-42, Died 2-10-88
Olin C. Danhour, 66, Beverly, Emp. 10-24-56, Died 3-24-88
Theodore Didier, 82, North Park, Emp. 9-04-40, Died 4-13-88
Dominec A. Diorio, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-18-24, Died 3-12-88
Elizabeth Docherty, 96, West Station, Emp. 4-23-43, Died 3-31-88
Walter Dovich, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-10-45, Died 4-07-88
Josephine Eilert, 98, Transportation, Emp. 9-04-37, Died 3-16-88
Francis A. Fawcett, 74, Vehicle Mct., Emp. 10-21-47, Died 2-20-88
Patrick J. Foy, 85, Shop & Equip., Emp. 2-09-42, Died 4-20-88
Howard G. Geier, 73, Plant Mct., Emp. 3-23-38, Died 2-25-88
Joseph R. Gilio, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 9-12-46, Died 2-13-88
Mary J. Griffin, 94, West Section, Emp. 12-16-41, Died 4-21-88
Joseph Hanus, 95, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-6-47, Died 2-12-88
Harry A. Harrigan, 60, O'Hare Terminal, Emp. 1-16-61, Died 2-12-88
Marvin L. Harris, 66, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-10-47, Died 2-17-88
Stanley J. Hillock, 65, South Shops, Emp. 10-19-47, Died 3-08-88
John Howlett, 94, North Avenue, Emp. 6-26-28, Died 1-29-88

John G. Hoyme, 72, Archer, Emp. 7-12-54, Died 4-27-88
John T. Hussey, 73, Vehicle Mct., Emp. 5-15-42, Died 2-13-88
Stanley Hycerczyk, 75, Archer, Emp. 9-25-42, Died 3-08-88
George H. Jahn, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 4-17-42, Died 4-12-88
Percy F. Joseph, 75, District B, Emp. 3-26-45, Died 2-8-88
Bruno E. Kamien, 76, Archer, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 3-19-88
John W. Kernan, 83, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-21-45, Died 11-11-87
Stanley P. Kerr, 92, 61st Street, Emp. 11-24-25, Died 2-9-88
Charles E. Keevil, 88, Equip Res Dev, Emp. 7-11-21, Died 3-24-88
William Klepitch, 80, North Park, Emp. 8-27-42, Died 2-22-88
Richard Kuchenny, 68, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-27-43, Died 2-19-88
George H. Kuhl, 74, North Section, Emp. 5-13-46, Died 4-26-88
Elmer E. Kurth, 85, Keeler, Emp. 8-28-28, Died 12-10-87
Andrew Kwilosz, 65, Archer, Emp. 2-25-48, Died 4-26-88
Earl K. Leaming, 88, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4-28-24, Died 3-15-88
Daniel P. Leahy, 77, Beverly, Emp. 4-07-43, Died 3-22-88
Jerry Lewis, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 2-14-50, Died 3-30-88
Nello A. Lorenzi, 73, West Station, Emp. 12-28-45, Died 4-10-88
Clarence Malottke, 82, Electrical, Emp. 8-15-23, Died 1-19-88
Donald A. Marr, 52, Limits, Emp. 7-22-63, Died 2-24-88
Stanley E. McClean, 81, North Section, Emp. 10-05-43, Died 4-21-88
Edward V. Morris, 82, Skokie Station, Emp. 8-29-21, Died 4-10-88
William J. Morely, 81, North Section, Emp. 2-04-27, Died 4-11-88
Hollis H. Munce, 96, 69th Street, Emp. 8-05-36, Died 4-14-88
Wilford Nicholson, 63, 77th Street, Emp. 6-15-78, Died 4-27-88
John H. Noble, 88, Beverly, Emp. 5-09-16, Died 3-14-88
Phillip O'Connor, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-22-36, Died 3-07-88
Peter C. Olszewski, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-11-47, Died 4-20-88
Nicola Partipilo, 91, Const. & Maint., Emp. 5-01-28, Died 3-19-88
Leo J. Peters, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 5-21-42, Died 2-7-88
Biagio Picatagi, 98, Way & Struts., Emp. 6-16-36, Died 2-4-88
Tony Ponzio, 93, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-16-43, Died 3-22-88

William Rakauskas, 86, Engineering, Emp. 4-22-48, Died 2-88
William J. Rankin, 92, West Section, Emp. 1-08-17, Died 4-13-88
Leo F. Ratkowski, 81, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-15-29, Died 12-7-87
Leslie Samuelson, 86, Transportation, Emp. 6-19-22, Died 4-19-88
Frank C. Schmid, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 8-11-42, Died 2-18-88
Henry Schoemaker, 95, Lawrence, Emp. 3-21-27, Died 4-29-88
Peter Schultz, 78, Archer, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 3-29-88
Ross Shaffer, 71, Beverly, Emp. 5-22-46, Died 4-30-88
Howard D. Smale, 74, Claims, Emp. 8-11-41, Died 4-07-88
Raymond Spakowski, 66, North Section, Emp. 4-27-26, Died 4-26-88
Gust Speropulos, 97, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12-3-19, Died 2-12-88
W. R. Steinsultz, 90, 77th Street, Emp. 1-25-34, Died 2-29-88
James Stewart, 80, Transportation, Emp. 7-16-52, Died 4-20-88
George R. Stueve, 78, Shops & Equip., Emp. 5-12-43, Died 2-19-88
Albert F. Suma, 73, Vehicle Mct., Emp. 8-21-28, Died 2-29-88
Arthur Thiel, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-41, Died 4-07-88
Bonita R. Thompson, 73, North Sect., Emp. 5-12-71, Died 2-17-88
Matthew Torrence, 57, Beverly, Emp. 6-27-77, Died 3-24-88
Edward F. Trolke, 72, South District, Emp. 4-15-37, Died 2-10-88
Benedict Trokshel, 95, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9-26-24, Died 4-08-88
Leonard J. Urban, 82, Limits, Emp. 3-10-42, Died 4-27-88
Harold C. Vangen, 86, North Park, Emp. 7-10-23, Died 4-03-88
Roy Vaughn, 68, General Office, Emp. 12-10-65, Died 4-18-88
Clarence P. Vesely, 76, Law, Emp. 8-18-47, Died 4-14-88
Robert A. Williams, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 11-5-52, Died 2-10-88
Edward Wilson, 91, Electrical, Emp. 10-19-17, Died 2-4-88
Carl Windmueller, 84, Law, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 3-27-88
Edward J. Wiss, 86, Lawndale, Emp. 10-18-26, Died 4-19-88
Joseph E. Witt, 101, Armitage, Emp. 3-11-07, Died 2-27-88
David Woods, 70, Beverly, Emp. 9-8-47, Died 2-12-88
Clyde E. Wool, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 8-20-41, Died 2-18-88

Mobile Information Center

"Thank you for an outstanding job" is the message conveyed here to South Shops craft personnel who were responsible for helping to make the new Mobile Information Center a reality. The message bearers are Manager of Consumer Affairs **Betty Edwards** [left] and Director of Community Relations **Elda Leal**. The vehicle's interior design and carpentry was the work of twins **Robert** and **Richard Marlon** [inset], shown standing in front of the vehicle. Bus Shops Superintendent **Ernest Johnson**, who credits Foreman **Bill Miller** with putting the volunteer Mobile Information Bus builders together, said that, while all the crafts were involved in the project, the Marlon twins were the key personnel in its development. The brothers have been CTA employees for more than 20 years.



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Displaying their first place plaques are CTA's 1988 competition champions (from left) motorman Wilbert Matthews, Howard terminal, Third Rail RoundUp; operator Robert Richardson, North Park garage,

Bus Roadeo; ticket agent Linda Woods, Howard terminal, Top Notch 10, and conductor Robert Hunt, Ashland terminal, Third Rail RoundUp, (Stories Inside).

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CTA board awards one-year free ride for citizen's action

The year of free monthly passes presented to Chicago commercial banker **Thaddaeus Daniels** by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** will be a pleasant reminder for Daniels of his law and order approach to an old CTA headache---graffiti vandals.

A letter authorizing the free passes, and a special certificate of recognition was presented to Daniels at the July 6 board meeting. The incident which prompted the honor occurred on the evening of June 2, when a dozen noisy young men and women boarded the nearly empty train in which Daniels was riding, and began to mark up the train's interior.

Daniels grabbed one of the youths and took his marker, in spite of the odds and the physical threats. At the next stop all but one of the remaining youths ran off the train. Daniels and



Thaddaeus Daniels (right), a Chicago commercial banker who stopped a gang of graffiti vandals aboard a Howard Street train, seems pleased with the special recognition he received from Vice Chairman John Hoellen and the CTA Board.

another passenger turned the pair over to transit police who were called to Howard Street.

Police estimated that Daniels' actions may have saved as many as 30 trains from graffiti tagging that night.



The

BUZZWORD

Candid answers to your questions
from Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director

Q. Instead of all of our bus lines terminating in the Loop, why can't we have some runs end at other locations, particularly on the north and south ends of the Loop which could be staging areas? Feeder service to the Loop could then be provided for those who need it. This is done in other metropolitan areas around the country.

A. CTA's bus service reflects the grid of Chicago's street system. Thus, a great number of routes are not oriented to the central business district, but travel instead from neighborhood to neighborhood. For instance, bus routes 21, 35, 55, 72, 76, 78, 79, and 80 all stretch from the lake shore to the western city limits, and direct travel from the northern tip of our service area to the southern boundary is provided, most times with only one transfer.

Q. Communications equipment in our Control Center is somewhat antiquated. When will it be brought up to date?

A. New communications technology for the bus and rail systems is currently scheduled in CTA's five-year Capital Improvement Program. A renewed bus radio

system is being engineered at this time and equipment will be purchased with 1991 funds. A modern power monitoring and control system is gradually being phased in with each new substation. Rapid transit telephone systems are also being engineered at this time, with installation of new systems for 1991. A renewed rail radio system will follow in 1992. CTA has recently received a pro-bono review of all communications systems from Ameritech Corporation, and their recommendations are under consideration. I encourage all employees to become familiar with CTA's capital program.

Q. Why does it take so long to call into the Mart? On occasion, all the telephones are busy, or are not answered at all.

A. We are in the process of replacing the Mart's telephone switchgear so that incoming calls from push-button phones can be handled automatically. The new phone system should be in place by late 1988.

CTA employees and retirees may submit questions to: BUZZWORD, CTA Transit News, Room 734, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654. Only signed questions, 50 words or less, will be considered.



Striving for Excellence

"Striving for Excellence" includes the management team as evident by these terminal superintendent trainees who recently completed a nine-week program qualifying them as pool superintendents. The group includes (standing from left) James Collier, Edward Colding, Linda Lee, Chester Kidd, Greffen Harrington, Willie Wofford, and Efrain Villarreal. Not present for the photography was San Juana Maria Montes de Oca. The program facilitators shown seated are (from left) William Nichols, Barbara Colwell, James Zepp, and Andrew Bishop.

Medical director finds satisfaction in CTA job



After patient care there are a variety of details which await the medical director as evident by the stack of papers on her desk.

When **Dr. Irma Realiza** joined the CTA medical staff in 1984, her part time status was sufficient to meet the needs of a physician starting a new practice.

Four years later, the Far Eastern University alumnus is a full-time staff member. She was recently named CTA's medical director. Besides attending to the necessary administrative matters of such an important department, Dr. Realiza shares the patient load of new hires, personnel returning from leave, and others needing emergency attention or advice, with two other staff physicians.

Meanwhile, she is a member of the Edgewater Hospital staff, and keeps her private practice after office hours.

Her weekends are not much dif-

ferent since she has Saturday office hours until 5 p.m., and the hospital rounds won't go away until they are finished, which could very well cut into her evening. However, Sunday is reserved for religious activities.

"Religion is a very big part of my life," said this daughter of a baptist minister. Dr. Realiza's 70-year old father is still an active pastor who maintains a church congregation in the Philippines.

She and her family are active in a North Shore baptist church where they attend regularly. They continue to provide financial support for her father's church, and she is associated with the Moody Bible Institute.

"I have a very busy schedule," she noted, one that included her mechanical engineer husband, Bong, and

their 15-year old daughter, Gina, who aspires to become a psychiatrist.

Since immigrating from the Philippines to the United States in 1970, Dr. Realiza has worked for other industrial medical clinics, but none have provided her the satisfaction of helping people that she has experienced at CTA, she indicates. "Here I feel needed," she said.

"I think our employees are able to relate to us very well. I know that our staff makes every effort to provide the best possible service. We want to keep our employees healthy as they strive to provide CTA riders with the safest and most efficient transit service possible. That is our main goal. The CTA has been very good for me," she added.

Color TV is chance prize as W.I.N. is introduced

Imagine his surprise when 69th Street bus operator **Willie C. Turner** learned that he had won a new 25" screen console model color television just for having used the new Worker Information Network (W.I.N.) machine.

The first drawing for the coveted prize was conducted at 77th Street garage with names of employees from 77th, 69th, Forest Glen, and North Park garages placed in a common pool for a chance at the TV. All had used the W.I.N. machine at their respective work locations.

Pulling the lucky name was 77th Street operator **James Ollie**. The drawing was monitored by **Charles Andersen**, manager, CTA Benefit services; 77th Street garage Superintendent **Arthur Bennett**; **Dennis Stone**, managing director, Employee Benefits Services, Inc.; **Ronald Taylor**, EBS manager of the CTA account, and his assistant, **Bonnie Pett**.

Employees may glean information about CTA benefits as well as other vital CTA information from the conveniently located W.I.N. machines. Both Stone and Taylor said that other CTA locations will also be visited where more drawings will be conducted. Personnel must be full-time employees to be eligible for participation.

Here's how it works: The W.I.N. machine, which looks very much like a computer or video game, offers you---the player---a menu which gives a forecast of benefit scenarios as required. The employee then gets to play a lot of "what if?" games. For instance, "What if I change the amount of my contributions to deferred compensation by two percent, how much will my take home pay be?", or "What if I retire at age 60 instead of later, how much will my monthly retirement check be?"

The W.I.N. machine covers the full range of employee benefits from health care to disability insurance and survivor benefits to retirement income, even vacation benefits.

In other words, the new W.I.N. machine gives CTA employees direct access to benefit information in a matter of seconds, rather than the time-



Bus operator James Ollie (left) of 77th Street garage holds the winning ticket for the 25-inch screen console model color television which he pulled from the bowl held by Charles Andersen, manager, Benefit Services. The lucky winner was 69th Street operator Willie C. Turner. Arthur Bennett, 77th Street garage superintendent (right), was also present for the drawing.

honored method of a clerk digging the information out of thick volumes of similarly compiled facts about everybody else at CTA. Of course this consumes considerably more of your time, not to mention the clerk's hassle of pulling down volumes of information. Instead, W.I.N. simply puts it all at ones finger tips.

The machine is as easy to use as an automatic bank teller and has a format which requires no familiarity with computers or programming. Your confidentiality is maintained with the aid of your own access card which has your printed code. Your card permits only you to retrieve information about

you from the machine.

The machine is also designed to provide privacy as the needed information is being retrieved, which means no one else is involved in your private communication process.

CTA employees are presently being briefed on how to use the W.I.N. machine. Each person receives an individual access code card when counseled. The 25" TVs raffled at the various work locations are an added incentive for employees' initial use of W.I.N. as well as the new and optional life insurance opportunity also being offered through EBS.

Thanks for



James Collins (No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) "cared about his passengers and their safety," according to Donna Tynski, of West 54th Street. "The bus was very crowded, but he was very polite. He called all the stops so people would know where they were, and he even asked a man to pick up his trash. When several pickpockets entered the bus, he knew what they were up to and warned the passengers."



Addie Wright (No. 80 Irving Park, Forest Glen garage) was commended by Harriet Posner, of Morse Avenue. "I do not drive, and have used your buses for years. I have never had the pleasure of riding with such a driver. Her appearance was immaculate, including her hair, make-up etc. Every stop was called clearly, whether anyone was getting off or not. Her attitude and help to the older people was really something."



Mario Ratcliff (No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express, North Park garage) was regarded as "a superb bus driver" by Darryl Simko, of Eugenie Street. "It was hot, the bus was crowded, passengers were slow to move to the rear, and traffic was at a snail's pace. But this driver remained cheerful, and showed a rare level of courtesy. At each stop he asked those on board to accommodate waiting riders, and was patient."



Sabino Hernandez (No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) was called "the best I've ever ridden with," by Helen Rossi, of West Huron Street. "He was polite, and answered all questions in a very nice tone. When we came to a hole in the street, he drove carefully over each one. I know because I was sitting near the front. He also was kind to all the elderly and to those having difficulty getting on and off the bus."

Employees who receive

Willie Allen, Archer
Prince Anderson Jr., 103rd Street
Daniel Arboleda, Forest Glen
Clifford Avers, 77th Street

Booker Bolton, Kedzie
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
Michael Bragg, 69th Street
Curtis Brice, 77th Street
Bobby Brown, North Park
John Bruggess, Limits

Charlie Caldwell, 69th Street
Michael Caldwell, 77th Street
Gail Calloway, Kedzie
Berry Clark, 103rd Street
Dwayne Clark, 77th Street
Dwarrye Collins, Forest Park
Larry Cooper, Howard/Kimball
Patrick Corclone, Forest Glen

Joseph DiMartino, Forest Glen
Richard Doebler, North Park

Kenneth Edwards, 69th Street
Thelbert Elders, North Avenue
Pedro Espinoza, Central Dist.
Daniel Figgers, 77th Street

William Finley Jr., Kedzie
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Arthur Frazier, Archer

Mary Gallagher, West Section
Jerry Gardner, North Park
David Gaston, North Park
Joe Gathings, Archer
James Gibson, 69th Street
William Gilbert, North Park
David Gius, North Avenue
Paul Gonsiewski, Forest Glen

Virdell Hackett, Kedzie
Sarah Hall, Limits
Walter Hampton, 103rd Street
Michael Hayes, Archer
Ellie Head, 69th Street

Sandalio Hechavarria, North Park
Joseph Hendrickson, North Park
Otis Hill, North Avenue
Harold Howell, Howard/Kimball
Anthony Hughes, Kedzie

Lambert Jacobs Jr., Forest Glen
Robert Jenkins Jr., North Park
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Rosie Jones, North Avenue

Michael Kennedy, South Rail Dist.
Charles Kinnard, 103rd Street

making their day!



Valerie Robinson (No. 84 Peterson, Forest Glen garage) won the respect of Casimir Sledzik, of North Washtenaw Avenue. "Every Sunday morning when I board the bus, she exudes personal warmth and professionalism. She announces the streets clearly, and solves problems for riders in a courteous fashion. Your agency should be grateful to have such an exemplary individual carry out her duties so effectively."



Mitchell Gray (conductor, Howard terminal) was praised by Rev. Brian Helge, of Magnolia Avenue. "His service is impressive for its consistency and even-tempered relations with riders. He performs his tasks efficiently, making clear announcements of the stops and providing helpful information, as appropriate. His assistance to sometimes bewildered passengers is marked by polite restraint and warm concern."



Maurice Sutton (No. 14 South Lake Shore Express, 77th Street garage) was complimented by Joyce Butts, of Paxton Avenue. "He greeted everyone who boarded the bus. He also called street names, and bid the passengers 'Good day' as they left the bus. His driving was excellent, no weaving in and out of traffic at high speed. He takes his job seriously, and clearly understands what working for the public entails."



Lela Townes (No. 6 Jeffery Express, 77th Street garage) was appreciated by Helaine Staver, of South Hyde Park Boulevard. "This bus already had standees, and she asked, 'Will anyone give a seat to a senior?' which somebody did. She told prospective riders that there was a bus behind as indeed there was. And when we reached downtown, she called each stop. She could teach a course on good manners, service and helpfulness."

ommendations since our last listing

Lee Lampley, 103rd Street
Nolan Lett, Douglas/Congress
Jesus Limas, North Park
Melvin Lindsey Jr., 77th Street
Walter Lynch, 69th Street

Adolph Marth, Forest Glen
Lura Martin, Kedzie
Geraldine Mason, Limits
Wilbert Matthews, Howard/Kimball
Theodore McIntyre, Limits
Jerry McKinney Jr., 69th Street
Walter McKinney Jr., Howard/Kimball
Rene Melendez, North Section
Earl Miles, Kedzie
William Moreland, Forest Glen
Harold Morrison, Kedzie
Peter Muecke, North Section
Judy Murchison, Forest Glen
Frankie Myles, 69th Street

Mitsuo Ogata, Forest Glen

Adam Paterek, North Park
Ronald Pawlicki, Forest Glen
Melvin Payne, 77th Street
Andre Pellegrini, Forest Glen
Kimberlee Powe, 69th Street
Steve Preston, 69th Street

Billy Ragsdale, 103rd Street
John Ratliff, 77th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Charles Rutledge, Limits

Manuel Samaniego, North Park
Barry Smith, North Park
Larita Smith, West Section
Vera Smith, Archer
Wilfred Spotwell, 77th Street

Owen Terry, North Park
Renee Thomas, Howard/Kimball
Semoria Thomas, 77th Street

Ricael Velez, Forest Glen

Joann Walker, Archer
Raymond Watkins, 77th Street
Willie Whistenton, Limits
Peter Willemsen, North Park
Leartha Williams, 103rd Street
Willie Williams Jr., 69th Street
Charles Williams, Kedzie
Albert Williams, Forest Glen
Quentin Wilmington Jr., North Park
Addie Wright, Forest Glen

Charles Young, Jefferson Park
David Young, Limits
Willie Young, Limits



Shipyard in miniature

ON THEIR TIME



Graphic designer **John Kopiec** adds some finishing touches to a San Felipe man of war.

You might expect to find America's shipbuilding facilities in major industrial centers on the East, West, and Gulf coasts, but we found an intriguing shipyard in miniature right here in Chicago.

John Kopiec, graphic designer in the Publications section, spends much of his free time from early fall until late spring building "plank-on-frame" wooden ship models. The San Felipe man of war shown here, a replica of a ship that first set sail in 1690, is a fine example of his craftsmanship and artistry.

"Plank-on-frame" model building duplicates the techniques and materials of traditional shipbuilding.

John begins by laying a wooden keel and adding plywood bulkheads. He then skins the hull with miniature planks of bass wood and adds a second layer of thin walnut planking. All planks are hand cut from strip wood stock, moistened, formed for contour, and glued into position. Final sanding and staining or painting complete the authentic hull.

Decks of solid walnut are added in a similar manner, and covered with miniature wooden planks finished with tiny brass nails.

John's masts, rigging, and hardware show marvelous attention to detail. Wooden masts, round, square or



The San Felipe man of war is reminiscent of the 1690s when the Spaniards sailed the high seas on such decorative vessels. Ship model artist John Kopiec spent more than 800 hours building this replica which now stands ready for the showcase.

combined, are hand-formed from dowels. Rigging is made from miniature waxed rope that is knotted at every juncture of vertical and horizontal lines, and steering lines are fed through miniature, hand-bored blocks. Metal hardware is cut and formed from brass stock, hand gilded with gold leaf, and glued into position. This is one type of model where you won't find an ounce of plastic.

An eye for detail and a sense of humor mark John's finishing touches. Hand coiled rigging rope is stored on deck, a miniature nautical map lies on a custom made table, little barrels store cannonballs, and a crew member or two are suspended in interesting or humorous activity.

If you are thinking of pursuing model shipbuilding as a hobby don't expect instant gratification. John built each of the life boats in the center of the main deck in 12 hours. Construction of the 39-inch-long San Felipe, with 84 wood and brass cannons, yards of rigging, and extensive metal detailing, was completed over two winter seasons--and over 800 hours. The completed ship is appropriately preserved in a custom-made wood and plexiglas display case.

"Model shipbuilding is an interesting and relaxing hobby," says John. "I have learned to appreciate the design and craftsmanship of real wooden ships, and the challenges and hardships faced by ancient mariners."

During the last 20 years, John has built more than 12 of these museum-quality models, and each is a beautiful display piece fit for any mantle.



This dime emphasizes how small a model vessel's pieces can be.



Going Your Way progress cited

Alderman Edwin W. Eisendrath, 43rd Ward (second from left), joins CTA representatives for the recent dedication of this bus shelter at Webster Avenue and Stockton Drive. Meeting with the alderman are (from left) Emile Domer, superintendent, Field and Shop Support, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance; Kappy Laing, manager, Intergovernmental Affairs, and Kim Hunt-Rhymes, CTA Executive staff. The bus shelter is part of CTA's "Going Your Way" 88 program which is designed to upgrade the quality of CTA service through an improvement agenda.



"Going Your Way," CTA's 21-point improvement program and commitment to quality service announced in April, is making progress.

A major thrust of "Going Your Way" is Operation CLASS—clean, lighted, and safe stations which has already been completed at the Garfield and King Drive rapid transit stations on the south side. Other stations expected to be added to the CLASS completion list soon are Halsted, Harvard, and University, also south side facilities.

The project includes painting stations, refurbishing canopies, inspecting and restoring wooden platforms and support structures, and maintaining security barriers, as well as installing new lighting fixtures.

Brighter lighting is being installed at Diversey station on the Ravenswood, as well as the Morse and Thorn-dale stations on the North/South line.

Concrete pads have also been installed for 32 of the proposed 37 bus shelters. Thirteen of the shelters are already in place, and janitorial crews have been washing floors, walls and acoustic panels, and disinfecting at track level for the State Street and Dearborn subways. Reports say the locations have not received such thorough cleaning since 1979.

A private contractor has completed canopy rehabilitation on the Kennedy, Dan Ryan, and Congress rapid transit lines at Cermak, the University of Illinois at Halsted, Jefferson Park, and 95th Street stations. Canopy rehabilitation is also near completion at Montrose Avenue, and at 87th Street on the Dan Ryan.

Monitors of the "Going Your Way" project said plans for the bus turnaround at 79th and Halsted Streets are ahead of schedule as private contractors push towards having it operational this fall. Meanwhile, the new bus color scheme which is also a part of the improvement program, is on-going at the rate of 10 buses per week being painted in the new red, white and blue color scheme. Approximately 450 buses are expected to be decorated with the new hues this year.

Another promise under "Going Your Way" which has been fulfilled is the distribution of the new bilingual system map. The new maps were made available to CTA patrons in July.

Meanwhile, a mobile information center is now available as an adjunct to CTA community outreach programs conducted throughout the year. Some community forums have also been scheduled with more to be slated later.



Mail service offered for prescription drugs

A new mail service prescription program designed to reduce the cost of prescription drugs is now available to CTA employees, non-Medicare retirees, and eligible dependents who are enrolled in the Travelers Health Plan.

The new employee benefit allows CTA employees who use a

maintenance medication on a regular basis to order up to a 90-day supply of medicine for only \$3.50 per prescription. Although all new orders require a \$3.50 co-payment each time a prescription is substituted generically, a coupon worth \$3.50 will be issued, which may be applied toward additional prescriptions.

The Mail Service Prescription Program is ideal for people who have high blood pressure, thyroid or other conditions which require taking medication on a regular basis. The program is offered by the Travelers in conjunction with Baxter Healthcare Corporation, and is designed to save both the CTA and the CTA member money. Further savings will also result if participants request their doctors to allow generic equivalents whenever possible.

The only cost to the CTA member is the co-payment amount which is paid immediately. There are no claim forms to complete, and no waiting for reimbursement, nor deductibles to meet. By receiving a 90-day supply of medication, the CTA member will only pay for one co-payment instead of the customary three co-payments for a 90-day supply.

Questions about the new benefits program may be directed to Baxter's Patient Services at **1-800-824-6349**, or **Geoffrey Layhe**, CTA supervisor, Benefits Administration, **ext. 3619**.

Bus personnel praised for 'Taste' service

Bus service supervisors and instructional personnel joined CTA's finest bus operators during the first 10 days of July to provide "Taste of Chicago" visitors with the best transportation service in the history of the city's biggest summer festival.

This year, Grant Park, the "Taste" campground, was overflowing with the biggest crowd of cuisine curiosity seekers in the 10-year history of the big open air food fair. More than 1.2 million people attended the festival on the night of the fireworks display alone, yet CTA buses with dedicated personnel accommodated the steady flow of humanity without incident.

Hugh Short, acting director of Bus Service, and his staff met with Operations Planning personnel months ahead of the big event to work out effective strategy to meet the transportation needs of "Taste" goers.

Short said Operations Planning set up run schedules and bulletins for garages; supervisors were placed in the downtown area to serve the most heavily traveled bus routes which included Jeffery, Sheridan, and Archer, and the necessary manpower was supplied by Transportation. The supervisors came from all five bus districts, with many volunteering from each district to supplement the manpower needs of Central District where "Taste of Chicago" was occurring.

Short and his staff, which included District Superintendents **Brian Sharrett** and **Elvin Carey**, and the Operations Planning staff had everything in place by July 1 when the "Taste" got underway for a full 10-day run, for the first time in history.

Transportation pressed 140 buses into service for the great Chicago summer food fest — 140 buses more than normally scheduled.

Short said credit for the planning, implementation and outstanding performance of service belongs to all the personnel of Districts A, B, C, and D, and the Central District.

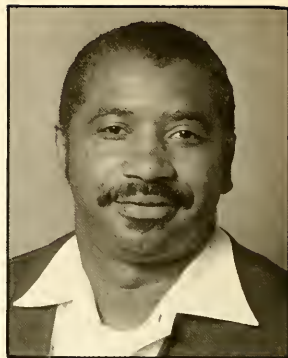
"Not only did these people give freely of their time, but they worked the duration of 'Taste of Chicago' without a break. Some gave up part of their vacation to work long hours and make this endeavor a success. We cannot give them enough praise," said Short.

Rehab funds needed



The Illinois Railway Museum is soliciting funds which will be used to restore Chicago Surface Lines Streetcar #3142. Museum volunteers said the body of the time-honored vehicle is only 70 percent complete, and the streetcar needs new wheels, axles and gears. Persons donating a minimum of \$100 for rehabilitation of CSL Streetcar 3142 will receive a commemorative cup with a picture of the car on one side, and the CSL emblem on the other. The donor will also receive a large button with the picture of the car on it and a certificate of appreciation. Donors of a minimum \$50 gift will receive the button and certificate while persons donating a minimum of \$25 will receive a certificate of appreciation. Checks to the Illinois Railway Museum Car #3142 Fund should be mailed to Cashier, Illinois Railway Museum, P.O. Box 427, Union, IL 60180.

BUS ROADEO



1st Robert L. Richardson
North Park

"We intend to make it at the international this year," vowed CTA's 1988 Bus Rodeo champion **Robert Richardson** who again topped other contestants in the eighth annual contest as he did last year.

He will represent CTA again in the 1988 American Public Transit Association International Bus Rodeo's 40-foot category. The event will take place this fall in Montreal, South Quebec, Canada. Richardson has been a CTA bus operator for 17 years, and has competed in six Bus Rodeo competitions.

The North Park garage bus operator told the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Sauganash Ballroom crowd, "They (APTA) will not take Chicago lightly. We should have had it (international championship) last year, but we intend to bring it back to Chicago this time." The APTA trophy is accompanied by a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, and a trophy for the winner's transit property.

Edward Schwamb, North Park garage superintendent, was recipient of the Chairman's Cup. Other winners in the annual contest were: **Kenneth Fabian**, Forest Glen, second place, winner of a plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond; **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen, third place, a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond, and **Martin Troglia**, Limits garage, a plaque and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Limits garage received a plaque for the most participants in the competition.



Robert A. Van Lysebettens
Forest Glen



Andrew Gowin
Archer



William Spencer
77th



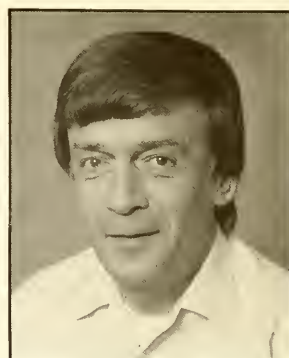
Tommy L. Ross
Forest Glen
CTA TRANSIT NEWS



2nd Kenneth Fabian
Forest Glen



3rd Michael Matas
Forest Glen



4th Martin Troglia
Limits



Jose J. Agrela
Lawndale



Willie Johnson
Forest Glen



John Porter
Beverly



Jerome Smith
77th



Eddie L. Johnson
77th



Ben Wallace
Limits



David James
Lawndale



Alan B. Wilson
77th



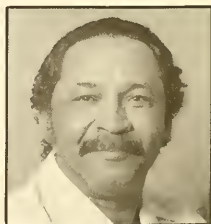
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69th



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Beverly



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69th



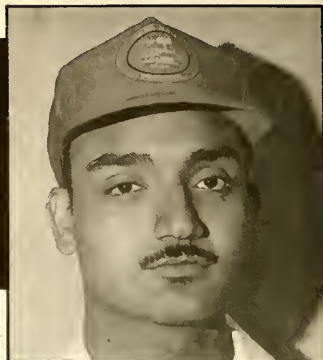
John L. Williams
Kedzie



1st PLACE TEAM

**Wilbert Matthews
Howard**

**Robert Hunt
Ashland**



ROUND HOUSE



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In Memoriam

Motorman **Gideon Stevens Jr.**, a CTA employee for 22 years, was a member of the Third Rail Roundup Roundhouse 18 competition in 1984, 1987 and again in 1988. His sudden death on July 18, 1988 leaves a legacy of public service which will continue to inspire CTA employees.



**Jerry Wilson
Harlem**



**John Schoeps
Howard**



**Ronald Ricks
Howard**



**Gideon Stevens
61st**



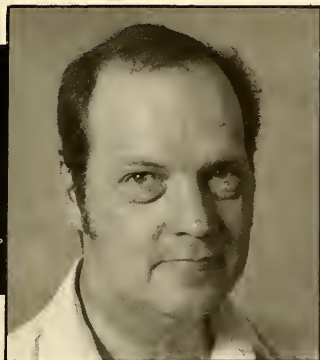
**Lawrence Washington
O'Hare**



**Willie Done
Kimball**

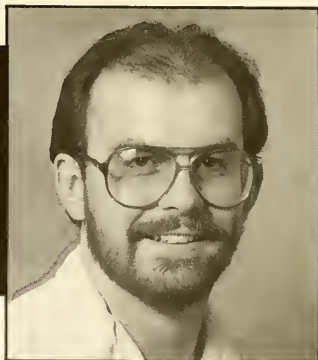


**Rita Jackson
O'Hare**



Richard Crane
54th

2nd PLACE TEAM



**Robert Kelly
Howard**

It was a year for new faces and new champions in CTA's sixth annual Third Rail Roundup. Emerging as the first place 1988 team was Howard Street motorman **Wilbert Matthews**, and Ashland conductor **Robert Hunt**.

Besides receiving first place plaques for their achievements, the pair will journey to Montreal, South Quebec, Canada for a 5 day/4 night visit at CTA expense. Guests of their choice will also accompany them.

Matthews is a CTA veteran with 14 years of service whose two previous Third Rail Roundup competitions in 1983 and 1987 saw him included in the Roundhouse 18. Teammate **Robert Hunt**, with only two years of CTA service, shared the limelight in his single experience as a Third Rail Roundup contestant. Awarded the Chairman's Cups were Howard terminal superintendent **James McLane**, and Ashland superintendent **Ulysee Coley**.

Runners-up, who each received a plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, were veteran motorman **Richard Crane** of 54th Street terminal and Howard terminal conductor **Robert Kelly**. Crane, a CTA employee for 22 years, has participated in every Third Rail Roundup competition since 1984, and has been a member of the Roundhouse 18 on four occasions.

Plaques also were awarded motorman **Robert Sanders** of Howard Street terminal, and conductor **Rita Jackson** of O'Hare terminal for having the highest cumulative individual scores in the competition. Sanders was CTA's first Third Rail Roundup champion in 1983, and regained the championship in 1986. Ms. Jackson is a newcomer to the Roundhouse 18. Ashland terminal received a plaque for having the most participants in the competition.



Harold White
95th



**Robert Sanders
Howard**



**Keven Bergthold
Howard**



James Green
61st



Roman Doubek
54th



Miranda Goodloe
95th



Jack Thomas
95th

1st PLACE



**Linda Woods
Howard**

2nd PLACE



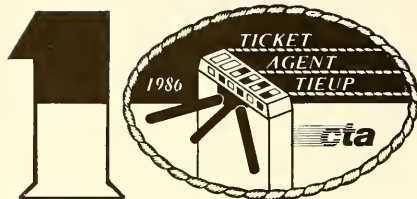
**Louis Hill
Desplaines**

3rd PLACE



**Pamela McKeel
54th**

Top Notch



The legacy of winning consecutive ticket agent championships set by **Bryant Alexander** is being continued by Howard Street ticket agent **Linda Woods**.

Mrs. Woods, an 18-year CTA employee, topped nine other ticket agents in the Top Notch 10 for an all-expenses paid five-day/four-night visit to Montreal, and will be accompanied by a guest of her choice. It was the second consecutive year the victorious Mrs. Woods has taken the championship plaque home. The Chairman's Cup was awarded to **James McLane**, Howard superintendent, while Ashland superintendent **Ulysee Coley** accepted the plaque for his terminal having had the most participants in the competition.

The excited defending ticket agent champion called her victory, "the result of good instruction." Destined to be champion, until last year Mrs. Woods had been first runner-up in each contest since ticket agents began competing in 1984.

The second place plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond was awarded to **Louis Hill** who was also turning in a second consecutive performance as first runner-up. Hill joined CTA in 1980, and entered his first Top Notch 10 competition in 1986.

Top Notch 10 newcomer **Pamela McKeel** of 54th Street terminal took third place honors for a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Ms McKeel has been a CTA employee for 21 years.



**Calvin Rufus
Ashland**



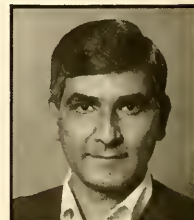
**Doritha Davis
Howard**



**John Lee
Ashland**



**Phyllis Phillips
Ashland**



**Mahmood Ali
Howard**



**James Crockett
54th**



**Mary Parish
Desplaines**

South shops Six Pack retains championship

Well, the South Shops Six Pack did it again. They took the honors for the 1987-88 volleyball season. Last year was apparently no fluke. They are tough.

Coach **Dave Harlan** of South Shops can be justifiably proud of his team which ended the regular season 16-0. However, they were stopped once in the championship playoffs by Coach **Arliss Jones'** "Say No" General Office team, but General Office had to settle for second place as the Pack collected their second consecutive championship trophies and rings.

Kedzie/Lawndale Destroyers, under Coach **Mitchell Austin**, finished in third place, followed by Coach **Melvin Lindsey's** 77th Street Streakers. Other teams participating but not placing were the North Avenue Royals, 69th Street Raiders, the P.K. Knights of the Training Center, and the Rail Stars.

Helping the volleyball stars on their night of recognition was **Fred Jones**, supervisor, Administrative Services/Operations, who was master of ceremonies at the awards banquet held at Summerwest Restaurant.

Members of Harlan's championship Six Pack are **Brenda Walker, Mary Conley, Maurice Land, Paulette Hardeman, Nguyen Dai, Venise Hickland, Leslie Brown, Gary Kujawa, Angela Mabry, Dora Martin, Ronald Robertson**, and team captain **Steve Fischer**. **Glennis Buford** is the team manager.



The 1987-88 South Shops Six Pack retained the championship as they closed out the volleyball season 16-0, and one loss in the playoffs. The champs are (front to rear, and left to right) Angela Mabry, Steve Fischer, Brenda Walker, team manager Glennis Buford, Dora Martin, Mary Conley, Paulette Hardeman, Maurice Land, Coach Dave Harlan, Ronald Robertson, Nguyen Dai, and Gary Kujawa.



The second place General Office team included: **James McPhee, Helma Duniver, Robert McClure, Jr., Deborah Hampton, Dorothea Newbern, Pamela Williams, Donna Murphy, Charles Brown, Donna Butler, John Koldan, Cynthia Spears**, team captain **David Bernicky**, Coach **Arliss Jones**, and Coach **Frederick Mead**. Program coordinator and assistant coordinator respectively were **Mrs. Shirley McClure**, and **Clark Carter**.

Trophies were also awarded to the runner-up teams, coaches, and manager. Each team also received a trophy for display at their respective work locations. Funding for the volleyball program was provided by Amalgamated Transit Union Locals 241, and 308, the CTA Employee Welfare Fund, and credit union organizations of Kedzie and 61st Street garages, and the General Office.

Organization plans for the 1988-89 season are already underway. Employees interested in joining a volleyball team for next season which begins in October, should contact **Mrs. McClure at Ext. 4132, Mart.**

The General Office Say No volleyball team took one game in the championship playoffs to earn second place. They are (front to rear, and left to right) Helma Duniver, Pam Williams, Coach Arliss Jones, Cynthia Spears, James McPhee, Donna Murphy, John Koldan, program coordinator Shirley McClure, team captain David Bernicky, Coach Frederick Mead, and Robert McClure.

Iowa awards coed softball scholarship

Pamela Palmore, 18, the daughter of Superintendent of Property Accounting **Vernon Palmore** and his wife, **Betty**, was the recipient of an athletic scholarship to the University of Iowa at Iowa City where she is a member of the softball team.

Miss Palmore, a graduate of Thornwood high school in south suburban South Holland, set a state record in high school softball with 60 stolen bases for the Thornwood Thunderbirds. The speedy 5'4" outfielder also delighted college scouts last year with a .469 batting average, 55 runs batted in from a leadoff position, and scored 60 runs which was also a state record.

Thornwood coach Gary Lagesse called the young Miss Palmore "a gift-wrapped athlete," noting that her biggest asset to Thornwood was her speed.

A member of the Thornwood Thunderbirds varsity since her sophomore year, Miss Palmore helped her team to a third place finish in the 1987-88 state meet. She was also a member of the high school softball all stars, and was named to the Chicago Tribune's all state team.



The Iowa coed was one of two featured stars of the 11-member All-Area softball team which was selected by a panel of 19 coaches representing every conference in the city and suburbs. It was the second consecutive year Miss Palmore was named to the All-Area high school softball team. Players, parents, and coaches were honored recently at a baseball-softball awards dinner. Cubs pitcher Scott Sanderson was the speaker.

New officers

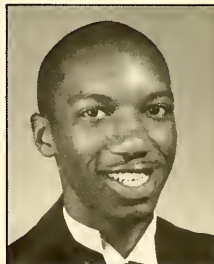


James Pate, assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction at Limits Training Center, installs 1988-89 officers of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization at the June Dinner meeting held in Nikkos Restaurant, a southside eatery. Making promises of leadership are (from left) **Charles Wesley**, president; **Jack Kalka**, secretary; **Clarence Lind**, retiring president; **Neal Kinnish**, first vice president; **Pete Dowall**, assistant treasurer. **Marty Dzinolowski**, treasurer for the organization, was not present for the installation ceremony. The retirees' organization meets each third Wednesday at 4 p.m. with meetings alternating between Nikkos and the Venice Banquet Hall on Fullerton Av. The organization includes former CTA and West Towns employees, and is affiliated with the National Council of Senior Citizens, Inc., Washington, D.C., and the Greater Chicago Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. Retirees seeking information about the organization should contact **Charles Wesley** at 224-3104, or **Neal Kinnish** at 788-6335.

More June Grads



JOSEPH RAY GARCIA
St. Gregory High School
Adelaida Garcia
Telephone Switchboard



KEVIN BROWN
South Shore High School
Claude Brown
Archer Garage



LOUIS WOOL
Lawrence University
Leon Wool
General Law Division

77th Street credit union earns highest CUNA rate

A dinner dance marked the 50th anniversary celebration of CTA's largest credit union, as officers and members of the 77th Street organization gathered at the Delphian House in Hickory Hills recently. Credit Union president Neal Kinnish said 250 people attended the annual meeting.

Operating on the motto, "Together we can make it happen," the 77th Street Credit Union serves approximately 1,400 members. A distinctive achievement of the 50-year-old financial organization is having been awarded the National Credit Union Administration's "Capital Adequacy Asset Quality Management Earning Liquidity (CAMEL)" rate of one, the highest achievable rate given by CUNA.

A plaque was also presented to the credit union by the CTA in recognition of service to its membership. Making the presentation on behalf of the Authority were **Harry Reddrick**, then deputy executive director, Operations who has since retired, and **Elonzo Hill**, senior manager, Rail Operations.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 president **Elcosie Gresham**, who also had words of praise and encouragement for 77th Street Credit Union, said his organization's plaque would be presented at a later date.



*Credit Union treasurer **Charles Peterson** holds the plaque presented to the 77th Street Credit Union for outstanding service to its membership by CTA. Making the presentation on behalf of the Authority was **Harry Reddrick** (left), deputy executive director, Operations, retired. Others are **Neal Kinnish**, Kedzie garage chief clerk, retired who is also credit union president, and **Elonzo Hill**, senior manager, Rail Operations.*

Others attending the 77th Street Credit Union bash in an official capacity were Illinois Credit Union League president and chief executive officer **Dan Plauda**, and league treasurer **Art Endres** who is also director of the Southeast chapter, of which the 77th Street Credit Union is a member; **Mike Defnet**, National Credit Union Administration, and **Mike Barney**, the district federal examiner.

Besides president **Neal Kinnish**, other officers of the 77th Street CU are

Charles Peterson, treasurer, and **Joe Salabura**, secretary. Staff members are **James Brooks**, **Ed Jolley**, **Clifton Servant**, **Thomas Spencer**, **Charles Stoves**, **Al Towns**, **Howard Walsh**, **Charles Wesley**, and **J. C. White**. **Kinnish**, who was chief clerk at Kedzie garage when he retired in February, 1985, said several other 77th Street CU members are also retired, including some who now live out of state.

FOND FAREWELL

***Raymond (Ray) Pacheco** (sweater) receives a token of appreciation from control center co-workers. The presentation was made by power/data control superintendent **James Washington** at a retirement reception held in Ray's honor.*



INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

61st Street

Congratulations and best wishes to newly weds **Lampton Evans** and his bride, the former **Marie Robinson**. Vows were exchanged in a ceremony at the Michigan Avenue Chicago Hilton and Towers on July 24. A wishing well reception which included dinner and dancing followed. CTA co-workers turned out in large numbers to see the beaming couple become Mr. and Mrs. Evans. The groom, a CTA employee of 31 years service, is superintendent at the 61st Street rail terminal.



Congratulations to **Craig Elliott**, 18, and his proud father, Personnel Services department coordinator **James Elliott**, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Elliott. Young Elliott earned a basketball scholarship to Mississippi Valley State University, his dad's alma mater. The youth was one of 24 high school basketball players selected to play in the 34th annual Coca-Cola All Star Basketball games directed by the Mississippi Association of Coaches, and played in the Jackson, Ms Coliseum on July 30. The young basketball star was "Mr. Basketball" at Winona High School. He was named All District each year from 1985 until his graduation this year. In school year 1985-86 he earned triple honors—All Conference, All North Mississippi, and All State. He was named All South Mississippi the following school year. Our best wishes to Craig for a bright future.



Twins **Robert Joseph**, and **Thomas Charles Lindenmuth**, the sons of **Charles** and **Cynthia Lindenmuth**, were born on April 23. Their dad is rail janitor/administrative coordinator for Facilities Maintenance. The boys arrived at Resurrection Hospital and weighed 4 pounds, 18 ounces, and 4 pounds, 4 ounces respectively. They were each 18 inches in length.

Maurice "Bo" Ellis, the only Marquette basketball player to play in two final four basketball championships (1974 and 1977), was named assistant men's basketball coach at Marquette. Ellis is the son-in-law of 95th Street Rail Superintendent **Ardis Morris**. Ellis, 33, was named to Marquette's M Club Hall of Fame, an organization of Former Marquette University student-athletes. He earned All-American honors playing at MU and is in third place among the university's all-time scorers with 1,633 points between 1974 and 1977. An All-American for three years, Ellis was also a first-round draft pick by Washington and played for the NBA's Denver Nuggets from 1977-1980.

Service anniversaries in April

45 Years

Robert Valerious, 77th Shop

35 Years

Nelson Anderson, Ashland
Joseph Chapman, Rail Janitors
Tommie Fortune, Elec. Mctc.
Freddie Gregory, Ashland
James Thrower, Bus Service

30 Years

Esco Duckworth, Archer
Nathaniel Glover, Elec. Mctc.
Edwin Olender, North Park
Cyril Schindler, 69th Street
Louis Stewart, Elec. Mctc.

25 Years

Lino Alcaraz, Oper, Comm & Power
Robert Bosco, 69th Garage
David Carter, 69th
Thomas Fitzpatrick, Bus District D
Harry Green, 69th Street
Willie Haskell, Mech. Mctc.
Howard Hill, 69th Street
William Howe, South Shops
Ernest Johnson, Bus Shops
Edward Jolley, 77th Street
James Jones, 69th Street
Raymond Mieszkowski, North Park
James Mirallegro, Kedzie Garage
Leonard Morris, 69th Street
Clinton Murray, Archer
Thomas Reilly, Transp. Personnel

40 Years

Frank Fiore, Utility

35 Years

Jesse Byrd, Bus Instruct.
Michael McCarthy, Safety Insp./Invstg.

30 Years

Gerald Christensen, Esc. Mctc.
Robert Haak, Jefferson Park
Theodore Kazanis, Forest Glen
Patrick Meaney, Douglas/Congress
Richard Valloni, Elec. Mctc.

25 Years

Wayne Albrecht, Elec. Mctc.
Carl Baumgartner, North Park
Earl Bell, Elec. Mctc.
Charles Bennett, South Warehouse
Leroy Cheatum, Kedzie
Floyd Cotton Jr., South Sect.
Willie Floyd, Douglas/Congress
Louis Gonzalez, Elec. Mctc.
George Harris, 69th Street
John Herron, Kedzie
Ronald Howard, Ashland
Julius Johnson, Lawndale
Paul Jones, Gen'l Mctc.
Arthur Linden, Forest Glen
Curtis Montgomery, Forest Park
Louis Morones, Howard/Kimball
Terrance Murtaugh, South Shops
Paul Swanson, Const. & Mctc. Engr.
Mary Vidas, West Section

Retirements July

Edgar W. Angel, Pers. Admn., 19 Yrs.
Gerald F. Budzisz, North Park, 31 Yrs.
Henry Chamblis, 69th Street, 31 Yrs.
Leonard D. Davenport, Skokie Shops, 26 Yrs.
Frank Demma, Skokie Shops, 18 Yrs.
Walter F. Gruber, West Shops, 21 Yrs.
James C. Hall, Beverly, 30 Yrs.
Colonial Heard, Madison/Wabash, 26 Yrs.
Talmadge A. Ireland Jr., Archer, 28 Yrs.
Wadsworth V. Jones, 77th Street, 28 Yrs.
John Jovanovich, O'Hare, 26 Yrs.
Charles L. Lindsey, 77th Street, 31 Yrs.
Anthony A. Major, South Shops, 21 Yrs.
Johnny D. Moore, Kedzie, 25 Yrs.
Thomas R. Morrison Jr., North Park, 26 Yrs.
George E. New, 95th Street, 23 Yrs.
Charles Nowlin, O'Hare, 20 Yrs.
John R. Oddo, West Shops, 25 Yrs.
George F. O'Neill, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
Laudeliano F. Pena, Forest Glen, 12 Yrs.
Harry Reddrick, Transportation, 38 Yrs.
Leva M. Shelton, Douglas, 17 Yrs.
Alfred T. Thomas, Randolph/Wells, 25 Yrs.
Cecile D. Thomas, 95th Street, 26 Yrs.
Spelios P. Verges, West Shops, 28 Yrs.
Edward W. White, District C, 38 Yrs.

Disabilities

Robert Adams, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.
Ervin Hounston, Lake/Harlem, 20 Yrs.
Robert F. Krejca, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.
Martin P. Wilmsen, Finance, 19 Yrs.
Sammy L. Woods, 69th Street, 10 Yrs.
Odell Zeigler, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs.

August

Margaret L. Barrett, Kimball, 18 Yrs.
Robert L. Crawford, Harlem/Lake, 39 Yrs.
Manuel Coronado, Forest Glen, 25 Yrs.
Richard J. Dorsch, Forest Glen, 28 Yrs.
James A. Farr, 69th Street, 35 Yrs.
Wilson Holmes Jr., 69th Street, 34 Yrs.
Percy W. Howard, District A, 26 Yrs.
Wayne R. Miedema, North Park, 25 Yrs.
Albert B. Murdock, West Shops, 31 Yrs.
Albert N. Rakestraw, 63rd/Ashland, 38 Yrs.
Vernon L. Robinson, 61st Street, 25 Yrs.
Sylvester Scott, 95th Street, 25 Yrs.

Disabilities

William H. Dandridge, 77th Street, 11 Yrs.
Steve C. Hall, 77th Street, 19 Yrs.
Bernard Turnbow, Madison/Wabash, 20 Yrs.

Management Information Systems

I think we have a new baby boom starting in M.I.S. Congratulations are in order for the **Weeks** and **Fonzino** families. We have one for each side, a boy and a girl. On June 23, **Lukas Wayne Weeks** came into this world at 09:02 A.M. The proud parents are Bruce W. (Supervisor, Quality Assurance) and **Joan M. Weeks**. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 1-1/2 ozs. He met up with his two brothers, Jerad and Jason, on June 26. They are all doing fine! Here's a picture of the future ball



JAMIE FONZINO



LUKAS WEEKS

player. **John Fonzino** (Computer Production Controller) and his wife, **Deborah**, had a baby girl on June 30. They named her **Jamie Marie**, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. As you can see, she's adorable. We hear that **Larry Simpson** (Project Analyst) was elected secretary of the Chicago Chapter, Association for System Management, on May 31, 1988. The association is a 9,000-member international society for systems and information resource management professionals. The Chicago Chapter has 50 members, who meet regularly for programs related to the systems profession. Larry has just completed two years as treasurer of the Chicago Chapter.

Patricia Glines

Brian Stephen, a 1988 alumnus of Chicago Vocational School, and the son of CTA bus controller **James** and **Edith Stephen**, was designated an Illinois State Scholar by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, and received a letter of commendation from the National Achievement Scholarship Program. The 17-year-old University of Illinois-bound youth ranked second in his senior class of 875 students, and held a grade point average of 4.08. Brian was enrolled in the CVS Academic Honors program of accelerated studies which carries extra grade point weight.

Service anniversaries in August

45 Years

Valeria Bowman, Payroll Oper's

40 Years

Jack Chunowitz, Claims

35 Years

Richard Griffith Jr., 69th Street
Tommy Lowery, Elec. Mctc.
Luzell Mims, Bus District C
Donald Powell, South Warehouse
Lawrence Tuggle, 103rd Street

30 Years

Wilbert Blakely, South Shops
Jerry Boone, Rail Janitors
William Chamelik, Mech. Mctc.
Val Church, Forest Glen
Stephen Kinchus, Mech. Maint.
Harvey Kirkpatrick, Bus Instruc.
Ronald Mendyk, Utility
Roy Mohler Jr., Oper, Comm & Power
James Pruitt, 103rd Street
Donald Regan, Esc. Mctc.
Arthur Troppie, North Park
Robert VanTrease, Track Mctc.
Patrick White, Gen'l Mctc.

25 Years

Sammy Adams, Lawndale
John Baxter Jr., Bus Personnel-North
Ivory Beattie, Archer
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
John Burns, Bus Service
John Cadenhead, 103rd Street
James Cephas, 69th Street
Henry Chandler, Archer
Burnett Devers, Schedules
Isaac Cushingberry, Archer
Muzio Ficarella, Sub-Ass'y & Elec.
Elbert Ford, 77th Street
John Frazier Jr., Comm. Mctc.
Joseph Henderson, Utility
Ernest Hennecke, 103rd Street
Donald Gray, Douglas/Congress
Eddie Johnson, 77th Street
Lawrence Johnson, Gen'l Mctc.
Jimmie Locke Jr., Archer
Harold Lucas, Archer
Richard May Jr., 77th Street
David Millsap, Lawndale
Vernon Morris, Douglas/Congress
Carl Myers, Limits
Richard Myslinski, Forest Glen
Lawrence Oomens, Tech. Serv./Prog. Supp.
Bill Reed Jr., 77th Street
Madison Sample, 103rd Street
Bill Sholdice, Trng. & Development
Alfred Williams, Kedzie
Howard Wilson, Forest Glen
Richard Young, Lawndale



Maintenance training specialist (bus) Rick Guinn (left), who is also a volunteer fireman for the south suburban Park Forest Fire department, assists his friend, Remi Guillet, Ministere De L'Industrie engineer, and head of gas and pressure vessels safety division for the French government, into fireman's gear at the Park Forest Fire department's training facility. Guillet visited the Guinn family while he was in Chicago on business. The two families have been like one since their

participation for the last six years in the French-American exchange program. Guillet's 10-year old son Bruno attended school in Park Forest for three weeks as a guest in the home of Rick and Kristine Guinn and their son, Peter. Earlier, Peter spent three weeks in the Guillet home at St Maur near Paris where he also attended school. Like his son, engineer Guillet also made new friends as he toured CTA.

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WANTED

Chicago Surface Lines uniforms, complete or partial, size 44 or 46. Other CSL memorabilia, or early CTA uniforms would also be appreciated.

Please write Jack Kelly, 732 Hitchcock, Lisle, IL 60532, or call 964-3406.



Ready to assume responsibilities of a garage superintendent is this group of trainees who just completed a nine-week program qualifying them for the job. Standing are (from left) Marselino Miranda, Stanley Parish, Phyllis Montgomery, Hager McFarland, James Robinson, Mostafa Poustinchian, and John Odom. Not present is Tyrone Dumas. The facilitators are (seated from left) John Perkins, Barbara Colwell, Mel Link, and Charlie Hodges.

Service anniversaries in September

35 Years

Prentis Armstrong, Bus District C
DeLord Hatcher, South Shops
Robert Johnson, Adm. Services
Leonard Mirabelli, Bus Radio Mctce.
Isaac Taylor, Utility

30 Years

Grant Greene, Sub-Ass'y/Mech.
Robert Hicks, 77th Street
John Hudson Jr., Archer
Bernard Michalski, Fare Coll. Dvlp.
Russell Schaeffer, Elec. Mctce.
Aleksander Wyszynski, Bus Service

25 Years

David Allison, Kedzie
Robert Bean, 77th Street
Richard Burrell, Limits
Frank Cardella, North Park
William Cline, Rail Supp. Svcs.
Ernest Dittsworth, Forest Glen
Burnell Dixon, 103rd Street
Thomas Gilmore, Lawndale
Sidney Goodman, Rail Janitors
Leon Griffith Sr., Vehicle Wiring
Jimmie Hardy, 77th Street
Patrick Harnett, Vehicle Wiring
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Arthur Hubbard, Instruction
Willie Huggins, 103rd Street
Lawrence Jareckas, Cent. Ctg. Oper's
Robert Johnson, Archer
Phillip Larry, Limits
George Lyons, Archer
Daniel Martiniak, Shop Services
Lawrence McKee, Kimball Mctce.
Adrian Miller, West Section
Melvin Moon, 77th Street
Jack Moore, North Park
James O'Grady, Howard/Kimball
Edward Pala, North Park Garage
Fred Powell, Training Center
Willie Reed, 103rd Street
Sam Shipp, Bus District B
James Simpson, Sys. Spc. Mctce.
Harold Stingley Jr., Douglas/Congress
Samuel Stockling, 69th Street
Neil Stumbris, Engine
Thomas Torrey, Vehicle Wiring
Ronald Walker, Ashland
Rayford Washington, Ashland
Melvin Webb, Kedzie
Leonard Wiencek, Eng. & Mctce. Sys.
Bobby Wright, North Park
redrick Zelewsky, Howard/Kimball

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to James A. Pate, assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction. He was recently appointed to a five year term as a commissioner of the Cook County Housing Authority. The appointment comes from the Cook County Board.



General Office

CTA telephone operator **Adelaida Garcia**, and husband **Heriberto** are happy to have their son **Heriberto Jr.** home after six weeks of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. Airman Garcia, a 1986 graduate of Holy Trinity high school, is a member of the Illinois Air

National Guard, and is assigned to duty with the 126th Air National Guard unit at O'Hare. A younger son, **Joseph Ray Garcia** who graduated recently from St. Gregory high school, has plans for following in his big brother's foot steps, reports Adelaida.

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IN MEMORIAM

Frank J. Adams, 97, Transp., Emp. 12/2/26, Died 4/29/88
James F. Anderson, 89, Claim, Emp. 7/1/29, Died 5/21/88
Roy W. Anderson, 78, Beverly, Emp. 11/16/36, Died 5/14/88
Stanley M. Banals, 80, West Sect., Emp. 10/14/31, Died 7/22/88
Walter A. Baran, 76, Veh. Mct., Emp. 9/20/47, Died 6/25/88
John V. Barrett, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 3/18/52, Died 6/25/88
George J. Barski, 73, Forest Glen, Emp. 1/18/54, Died 7/10/88
Alfred J. Bartolai, 68, Adm. Svcs., Emp. 3/22/67, Died 6/26/88
Joseph Bartucci, 88, Engineering, Emp. 7/28/42, Died 7/9/88
Harvey G. Bey, 58, Kedzie, Emp. 4/24/51, Died 6/25/88
William C. Blades, 76, Dist. D., Emp. 6/12/41, Died 5/22/88
Burton H. Bosan, 64, Public Affairs, Emp. 9/19/52, Died 5/23/88
Theodore Bromberg, 85, Transportation, Emp. 12/4/23, Died 5/23/88
Richard G. Brown, 66, West Shops, Emp. 9/26/69, Died 7/7/88
John E. Burke, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 6/27/27, Died 6/18/88
Roderick Caplis, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 6/3/26, Died 6/14/88
Sophia Danielson, 88, Rev. Acctg., Emp. 9/29/22, Died 5/11/88
L. P. DeGroot Jr., 84, South Sect., Emp. 2/15/26, Died 5/15/88
Herbert D. Dillard, 59, 63rd & Ashland, Emp. 3/19/51, Died 7/24/88
Clarence Dotson, 61, Madison/Wabash, Emp. 9/7/67, Died 5/27/88
Sidney E. Duke, 93, Forest Glen, Emp. 6/29/28, Died 5/25/88
Beatrice Franke, 69, Compt./Acctg., Emp. 9/17/51, Died 6/4/88
Josephine Giblin, 76, West Sect., Emp. 5/9/44, Died 6/14/88
Oscar R. Hamlink, 81, Law, Emp. 3/8/34, Died 5/15/88
H. D. Herring, 47, West Shops, Emp. 11/8/62, Died 5/29/88
Stanley Janik, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 1/18/42, Died 6/3/88
John C. Johnson, 68, Beverly, Emp. 4/23/55, Died 6/6/88

Fritz W. Jolke, 87, Beverly, Emp. 7/3/43, Died 5/20/88
Melvin Jones Sr., 59, South Sect., Emp. 6/25/51, Died 7/4/88
Louis J. Kariolich, 72, Veh. Mct., Emp. 11/11/46, Died 7/2/88
John C. Kasman, 76, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2/5/29, Died 5/20/88
James J. Kelly, 83, West Sect., Emp. 1/7/26, Died 7/3/88
Michael Kneafsey, 90, North Park, Emp. 5/22/29, Died 4/25/88
Louis G. Kramer, 80, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6/16/24, Died 6/24/88
John F. Krause, 82, Transportation, Emp. 6/18/25, Died 7/12/88
Evelyn J. Lanz, 72, North Sect., Emp. 11/3/44, Died 6/30/88
Andrew M. Lee, 61, Forest Glen, Emp. 8/11/55, Died 7/9/88
Richard B. Lemke, 90, North Sect., Emp. 7/19/18, Died 6/22/88
Michael L. Loran, 60, Kedzie, Emp. 5/21/53, Died 5/22/88
Henry S. Malezewski, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 4/4/55, Died 7/9/88
Thomas J. McInerney, 83, South Sect., Emp. 3/1/44, Died 5/19/88
Alexander McPhee, 89, Limits, Emp. 10/5/23, Died 5/9/88
Adolph J. Mescher, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 12/18/40, Died 6/22/88
Joseph Milioto, 92, Way & Struts., Emp. 5/1/22, Died 7/12/88
Rita K. Nelson, 70, Veh. Mct., Emp. 3/3/43, Died 7/3/88
Howard F. Norton, 81, Beverly, Emp. 11/16/36, Died 5/14/88
Rudolph A. Nuisal, 80, Limits, Emp. 10/23/45, Died 6/2/88
Pedro Palomar, 78, Maintenance, Emp. 3/24/47, Died 5/27/88
Rocco W. Parilla, 88, Howard, Emp. 5/29/20, Died 7/1/88
George Peso, 89, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 6/24/25, Died 5/14/88
Fred Petrino, 78, Maintenance, Emp. 6/3/36, Died 5/28/88
Adolph Porwancher, 88, North Park, Emp. 8/25/41, Died 6/26/88
Walter C. Post, 66, South Shops, Emp. 6/24/26, Died 6/20/88
Marie L. Pulliam, 93, Howard, Emp. 4/16/31, Died 7/24/88

A. Quattrocchi, 90, Way & Struts., Emp. 11/18/30, Died 5/27/88
Joe L. Rayburn, 51, 61st Street, Emp. 10/15/56, Died 6/26/88
Daniel F. Rebmann, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 2/11/36, Died 7/20/88
John F. Reck, 78, Forest Glen, Emp. 9/8/42, Died 5/3/88
Robert J. Reding, 67, Skokie Shops, Emp. 10/7/48, Died 7/16/88
Lawrence Reynolds, 79, Archer, Emp. 10/22/53, Died 7/16/88
John J. Rossi, 68, West Shops, Emp. 1/14/45, Died 6/8/88
Charles H. Rummel, 91, South Sect., Emp. 9/15/19, Died 6/7/88
Joseph A. Ryan, 79, West Sect., Emp. 4/12/48, Died 6/6/88
William P. Spraul, 93, Archer, Emp. 1/7/19, Died 5/4/88
Eugene Sprovieri, 66, West Shops, Emp. 1/16/47, Died 6/15/88
George Stanek, 74, Archer, Emp. 1/4/46, Died 6/9/88
James Stewart, 76, 52nd Street, Emp. 1/16/51, Died 7/13/88
W. Stinespring, 81, North Park, Emp. 5/25/28, Died 5/30/88
Thomas J. Twomey, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7/28/47, Died 3/31/88
Fred J. Ulrich, 95, West Sect., Emp. 5/15/25, Died 6/22/88
Glenn Vandenflute, 73, Rail Veh. Mct., Emp. 8/11/45, Died 7/1/88
Herbert E. Walther, 76, Engineering, Emp. 2/5/42, Died 6/19/88
John H. Wedel, 81, 69th Street, Emp. 12/6/27, Died 6/30/88
Jesse S. Wells, 43, South Sect., Emp. 1/27/67, Died 6/20/88
William J. White, 61, Forest Glen, Emp. 9/8/48, Died 5/27/88
Elmer Willenbrock, 79, North Park, Emp. 8/26/42, Died 6/28/88
Fred M. Williams, 65, Archer, Emp. 7/21/60, Died 5/26/88
Horace A. Wills, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 11/2/53, Died 6/5/88
Peter Zaccariello, 71, Kedzie, Emp. 9/30/46, Died 5/8/88

If you're starting to think about retirement, you probably have a lot of unanswered questions about what will probably be the biggest step of your life in recent years.

Information about medical coverage, premium costs, union affiliation, taxes, survivor benefits and beneficiaries are all concerns crucial to retirement planning. That is why a visit to the Pension Office at 440 North Wells about seven to nine months before your planned retirement date is encouraged, and it's best to call ahead for an appointment (670-0362).

Not only will you get information on retirement related matters, but your file will be checked to make sure that all the necessary documents are available. The lack of a birth certificate on file, for example, could delay the receipt of your first pension check.

Once you have all the necessary information and have decided upon a retirement date, you must file a retirement application, which should be obtained from your own work location and forwarded to the Pension office by your department manager.

Retirements are all effective on the first day of the month. However, signed and completed applications must be received in the Pension Office no later than the 14th of the month preceding your planned retirement date. For example, if you plan to retire Jan. 1, 1989, your application must be in the Pension Office by Dec. 14, 1988.

You do yourself a disservice if your decision making about retirement is last minute. Employees considering retirement are encouraged by the CTA Pension Office staff to take ample time to get the facts before making this important step, and, when you're sure you're ready to retire, file your application in plenty of time.

Remember, retirement applications are not filled out in the Pension Office. They should be obtained from your department.

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Rail Janitors	William Jones, Madison & Wabash 263-4434, Ext. 2274
Vehicle Maintenance (South Shops)	John Kurtovich, 7801 S. Vincennes 874-7100, Ext. 303
Operations Planning	Grace Iacano, Rm. 700 - Mart Ext. 4011
Accounts Receivable	Chester Venesky, Rm. 714 - Mart Ext. 4509
Personnel/Area 605	Annette Allen, Rm. 742 - Mart Ext. 3489
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New garage opens at 103rd / Stony Island

Beverly is closed



The new 103rd / Stony Island garage, which replaces Beverly garage, accommodates 250-300 buses. The new facility was erected for the improvement of service in the south and southeast sections of the city and suburban corridors.

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

103rd /Stony bus garage

CTA's new \$32 million [total project costs] bus garage at 103rd street and Stony Island avenue was officially opened June 26 with the simultaneous closing of Beverly garage.

The new facility was erected to improve service in the south and southwest sections of the city and suburban corridors served by the Authority.

The opening of the new garage meant the reduction of buses at the 77th street garage, and the transfer of some employees. The 483 personnel assigned to staff the new facility include many of the 321 employees who had worked at Beverly.

The 103rd street facility provides service and support functions for 14 bus routes including: 28 Stony Island, 34 South Michigan, 119 Michigan-119th, 95E 93rd-95th, 100 Jeffery Manor, 106 103rd-106th, and 103 West 103rd.

Other bus routes out of 103rd street are 111 Pullman-111th-115th, 104 Pullman-Altgeld, 108 Halsted-95th Street, 112 Vincennes-111th, 6 Jeffery, 14 South Lake Shore Express, and 27 South Deering.

The energy-efficient, cost-effective, state-of-the-art bus garage/maintenance facility can house 250-300 buses inside, which is especially convenient to operating personnel during Chicago's sub-zero temperatures. It not only adds to the service life of the vehicles, but also saves the CTA thousands of fuel dollars, because buses no longer have to be kept running overnight in cold weather to insure AM rush-hour operation.

Indoor bus parking also minimizes air and noise pollution in the surrounding community. All exterior bus movements at 103rd street occur on roadways and driveways within CTA property.

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The new garage's maintenance area is also a model of efficiency. Fourteen distribution systems pump oil and other chemicals directly to each maintenance location for easy dispensing. Diesel fuel is stored in five 20,000-gallon underground tanks.

The thoroughly insulated building features a forced-air ventilation system which recovers heat from exhaust air. Two underground oil/water separators intercept all drainage from the garage floor and the outdoor product delivery locations.

Office areas at the new garage are decorated in a pleasant blend of muted and brilliant colors. Moreover, the drivers' area features open space as well as natural and artificial lighting. The general public also has access to an area within the garage which is convenient for purchasing tokens and monthly passes.

The 103rd street project was funded by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. It is the second of a new generation of CTA bus garages placed in service. The first was the Kedzie garage which was completed in June, 1984. A third facility is planned and will be located at North and Cicero avenues, with construction anticipated to start in 1989.

Robert Julun, formerly superintendent at Beverly, and now at 103rd street, said that he has less personal contact with individual employees because the new garage is a larger facility. "Before, it was almost like family because I practically knew everybody. Nevertheless, we are enjoying our new home at 103rd street."

Honored in Materials Control



Bennett, Harmon, Rusinak 'Employee of Year' honorees

Charles J. Bennett, warehouse worker at South Shops, was named Materials Control's 1987-88 "Employee of the Year."

Bennett, who has been a CTA employee for 25 years, was also a 1985 co-winner with warehouse worker **S. T. Lucas**. The awards for this year were presented at the annual luncheon which was held on August 11 at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. Making the presentations was **William Roman**, manager, Stores. Program remarks were given by **Robert McCarthy**, supervisor, Buyers.

Finalists in the fifth annual competition were **Richard Rusinak**, also a warehouse worker at South Shops who joined the Authority in 1970, and **Mrs. Dorothy M. Harmon**, salvage control clerk who started her CTA career as a ticket agent in 1964. Subsequent to the award, Mrs. Harmon transferred to Operations Field Review.

Besides the three honorees, 13 other Materials Control employees were nominated for consideration in the 1988 "Employee of the Year" program. They were:

Materials Control's "Employee of the Year" honorees display their plaques, presented during the annual awards luncheon at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. They are [from left]: **Charles J. Bennett**, winner; **Mrs. Dorothy M. Harmon** and **Richard Rusinak**, finalists.

Carbert Blakeney, **Vinko Djonlich**, **Cleophas Fultz**, **Oliver Green**, **John Gurrieri**, **Thomas Hall**, **Joseph E. Jamison**, **Lawrence Jones**, **Dennis Kuhn**, **Douglas Muller**, **Donald Powell**, **Karen Wiggins**, and **John Williams**.

A committee of four supervisory personnel scored the candidates on attendance, work habits, attitude, ability to work with others, and outside interests with family and friends. The committee which ultimately selected the winner and finalists included **Victor Johnson**, director, Data Procurement/Office Administration; **Robert McCarthy**, former supervisor, Procurement Operations, who was recently named supervisor of Buyers; **James Whittle**, area superintendent, Field Operations, and **John Gill**, superintendent, Warehouses.

Each of the areas judged by the committee was rated on a scale of one to 10, with a possible 50 points for each candidate per committee member. The three finalists scored a combined total of 520 points of a possible 600.

'Showcase CTA' takes APTA AdWheel award

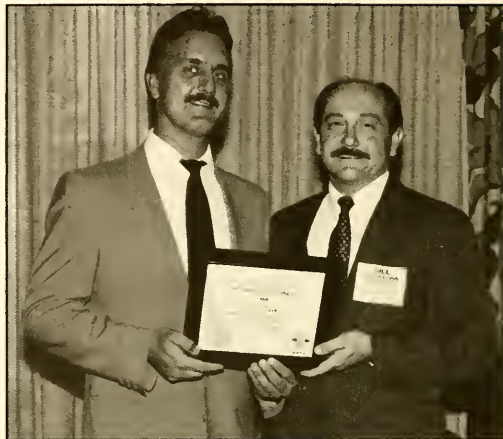


"Showcase CTA," a nine-minute videotape production of the historical overview of meeting Chicago's transportation needs, has received first-place honors in the American Public Transit Association's [APTA] 1988 AdWheel competition. Showcase was produced by **Tony Ambut**, supervisor, Electronic Communications, Marketing Department. The videotape was entered in APTA's Public Relations Video subdivision of the Audio/Visual category.

Terry Hocin, director of Advertising and Promotions, in commending Ambut, said, "... Your ability to combine technical skills with your 'working man's

knowledge' of the Chicago Transit Authority provides the ultimate viewer of your work with a very informative, interesting and attractive video ..."

Ambut, a video enthusiast since his high school years, joined CTA as a bus operator in 1974, a year after graduating from Loyola University with a baccalaureate degree in political science. He joined CTA's Electronic Communications section in 1980, and was named supervisor in 1986.



Tony Ambut [left] of CTA Marketing accepts the Audio/Visual category first-place certificate in APTA's ninth annual AdWheel Awards. Making the presentation on behalf of APTA is **William L. Volk**, of the Champaign-Urbana Transit District.

The CTA spirit

Getting with the CTA spirit is the patron of the Christmas spirit himself, Santa Claus. The jolly ole elf, otherwise known as **John P. Kopiec**, CTA Marketing Department graphics designer, is encouraging Yuletide season shoppers to ride the CTA, The Sleigh that brings people and presents together. Santa's helpers in this promotional endeavor included **Hugh Short**, acting director, Bus Service; **William Platt Jr.**, superintendent, Kedzie garage, and **Milton LeShore**, bus operator, Kedzie garage [85 Winning Circle 20]. The photo, taken by CTA photographer **Julius Brazil**, first appeared in the *Chicago Sun-Times Christmas Supplement* on November 20. The popular ad appeared in several issues of the *Sun-Times* and *Tribune* during the holiday shopping season.



Acts of heroism earn recognition from CTA Board

Four Chicago citizens were recipients of free monthly passes and special certificates of appreciation for "Caring to Take Action." CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** and Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell** made the presentations at the October 12 meeting of the CTA Board.

The recipients were Ms. Joan Ross, Dennis Eagan, Brian Trueblood, and James Ahern. Ms. Ross, an administrative assistant in the city's Department of Public Works, was praised for her action which may have saved the life of an epileptic woman who was found lying on CTA tracks at 79th Street station.

Power was turned off and service on the line interrupted to allow an emergency crew to move the woman to safety. While workers waited for the Fire Department ambulance to arrive, Ms. Ross climbed down to the tracks and remained with the woman to comfort her until she could be moved.

Dr. Paaswell said Dennis Eagan and Brian Trueblood offer further proof that Chicagoans care about each other. Eagan foiled the efforts of a would-be purse snatcher aboard a crowded northbound Howard Street train. Enraged by Eagan's interference, the culprit, with the aid of an accomplice, assaulted Eagan with a knife. It was then that Trueblood, an employee of Leo Burnett Advertising Agency who only recently moved to Chicago from El Paso, Texas, rushed to Eagan's aid, possibly saving him from greater injury.

The Board also honored James Ahern, although he was unable to be present for the award presentation. Ahern received accolades from the Board for defending himself against an attacker who had demanded his money. The honoree had just gotten off a train on the North-South main line at Bryn Mawr station when the assailant grabbed him. Ahern fought off his attacker despite being disabled by acute arthritis. He subsequently flagged down police who apprehended the suspect.

Daniel Klimas, a CTA bus servicer at Archer garage, was also honored with the "Spirit of Chicago" award which recognizes CTA employees who exhibit outstanding heroism and/or community service.



*CTA Board Chairman **Clark Burrus** [left] and Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** present bus servicer **Daniel Klimas** [center] with CTA's Spirit of Chicago award for heroism. Klimas distinguished himself by his actions which led to the apprehension by police of an alleged hit-and-run motorist. Four other Chicago citizens received the Authority's Caring to Take Action award. The presentations were made at the October meeting of the CTA Board.*

Klimas, who had witnessed a hit-and-run accident following the end of his work shift, distinguished himself when he climbed into his automobile and chased the man who was suspected of leaving the victim lying fatally injured in the street.

Determined to catch the suspect, Klimas pursued him at high speed for more than a mile. The chase ended in a residential area where the alleged hit-and-run driver, joined by two other men, were ready to attack the CTA employee. However, police arrived on the scene and arrested the trio before they could harm Klimas.

Klimas was presented with an American Express gift certificate and a special CTA certificate of recognition for his concern. Dr. Paaswell, upon making the presentation to him, said, "I would like to thank you for making all of us at CTA proud, and for showing that we care."

The CTA "Spirit of Chicago" award was created in February, 1988, while the more recent "Caring to Take Action" award was first presented in July.

Thanks for



Deborah Woods [conductor, 61st Street terminal] was thanked by Jan Peterson, of Centuria, Wisconsin, for her courtesy on a Howard line train. "She was exceptionally helpful and kind, and deserves to be recognized for her outstanding service. She answered our questions cheerfully, and even offered additional information about the trains. She was professional and sincere in her willingness to help others."



Walter Merritt [No. 147 Outer Drive Express, North Park garage] was commended by Ronda Navidad, of East Huron Street, a frequent rider on his bus. "He has consistently displayed courtesy, patience and the utmost respect for his passengers, regardless of the treatment he receives in return. In addition, his driving skills are exemplary. It is obvious that the safety of the passengers is one of his primary concerns."



Morris Ellison [No. 3 King Drive, 77th Street garage] is appreciated by Adrienne Pace, of Vernon Avenue, for his "many fine qualities, which he displays daily. He is always courteous and friendly, and is obviously dedicated to his job. He has never displayed a hostile attitude toward his passengers, and he helps me to begin my work day on a positive and pleasant note. The atmosphere on other buses is not the same."



Ilda Castellanos-Waddell [No. 147 Outer Drive Express, North Park garage] "greeted us with a smile and was very polite to everyone boarding the bus," according to Dorothy Oakley, of North Kilbourn Avenue. "She drove the bus carefully and announced street names distinctly. When a few foreign visitors and elderly passengers boarded, she answered their questions in a gracious and knowledgeable way."

Employees who received

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park
Julio Avila, West Section

Joyce Banks, Limits
Norvell Barbour, Forest Glen
Robert Black, Rail Dist. West
Rudolph Blakemore, Lawndale
Alvin Bond, Lawndale
Daniel Brooks, North Park
Medrick Bussie, Lawndale

Jean Cage, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Will Candy Jr., Kedzie
Al Clayton, Archer
Javier Cortez, Douglas/Congress
Albert Croarkin, 103rd Street
Clarence Cubie, Kedzie

Ernest DeForneau Jr., 69th Street
Brian Dollar, North Park
Raymond Dowdy, Limits

Hugo Echeverria, North Park
Wendell Edwards, Limits
Exeline Elliott, North Park
Jovian Ellison, Limits

Albert Fields, North Park

Jennifer Gant, Jefferson Park
David Gaston, North Park
Henry Golden, Howard/Kimball
Juan Gonzalez, Bus Dist. B

Willie Harmon, 103rd Street
Roosevelt Harvest, 69th Street
Patrick Heraty, North Park
Ronald Hernandez, Forest Glen

Sabino Hernandez, North Park
Rodney Hunt, North Park

George Ignarski, Forest Glen
James Itson, 77th Street

Jack Jalove, North Park
James Janaszak, North Park
Ducloux Johnson, 77th Street
Ralph Johnson, 103rd Street

Keith Kysel, 77th Street

Ricardo Leiva, Forest Glen
Nolan Lett, Douglas/Congress
David Lewis, North Park
Wayne Luster, Limits
Donica Lyles, Howard/Kimball
Madeleine Lyons, Bus Dist. B

making their day!



Cozine Jefferies [No. 62 Archer, Archer garage] impressed Betty Jo Barrs, who works on South Wabash Avenue. "He answered questions of would-be passengers, as well as those already on board, without any sign of impatience or sarcasm. His driving was very restful to me, as I was able to read and write without a problem. There was no jerking or swerving, and we still made good time. He also called off the streets."



Emma Allen [No. 4 Cottage Grove, 77th Street garage] was praised by Mrs. Bernard Wilson, of King Drive. "She was most pleasant and courteous, as well as being an efficient driver. She answered numerous questions politely and clearly, and never failed to further assist her out-of-town passengers by calling the stops so they knew when to disembark. Such responsibility and patience on a day under pressure and discomfort!"



Ruby Norwood [No. 49 Western, 69th Street garage] was complimented by Marie Penchar, of Fletcher Street. "She was dressed in a freshly pressed uniform, and greeted me with a melodious 'Good morning.' She remained pleasant despite the extreme weather. When I got up to debark, I said I hoped she would make it through the day, and she said, 'As long as I keep meeting people like you, I won't have any trouble today.'"



Jerry Williams [conductor, Howard terminal] won the approval of Stephen Sewall, of Ritchie Court, for his "helpful and friendly attitude that helped maintain order on a very crowded train. But I specifically commend him for warning passengers against pickpockets. 'Pick-pocket alert,' he said in a level-headed way. 'Everyone put your hands on your own pockets.' He obviously cares about his work and his passengers."

commendations since our last listing

Idress Mahmud, North Park
Luis Matos, North Park
Charles McCalpin, North Park
Tyrone McColpin, 103rd Street
Jerry McKinney Jr., 69th Street
Walter Merritt, North Park
Jose Mesa, Forest Park
Guilford Moore, Rail Janitor Srvc.
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Heriberto Munoz, North Park

Aaron Neal, 77th Street
Larry Neal, Archer

Robert Oesterreich, North Park
Araceli Olivier, North Park
Michael O'Neill, North Park
Lydia Oubre, Kedzie
Frederick Owens, 103rd Street

Carl Pettigrew, Limits
Peggy Porter, Limits
Willie Prince Jr., Bus Dist. B

Billy Ragsdale, 103rd Street
Sheri Raynard, Kedzie
Elois Redding, North Park
Hybert Richardson, 103rd Street
Daina Rivera, West Section
Marie Ross, Archer
Janice Ruffin, Forest Glen

Ismail Saleh, North Park
William Sheehy, Howard/Kimball
Daniel Shelton Jr., Bus Dist. D
Walter Smith III, Kedzie
Robert Spann, North Park
Stanley Stevenson, North Park
Phillip Stokes Jr., Limits
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street

Renee Thomas, Howard/Kimball

George Vanderford, Rail Janitor Srvc.
James Vaughn Jr., Lawndale
Ricael Velez, Forest Glen
Fred Venhuizen, Forest Glen

William Walls, Limits
Laurence Whitney, Limits
Richard Wierzchon, Forest Glen
Lester Williams, North Park
Bobby Wright, North Park
Stanley Wright, Kedzie

Joseph Zukerman, North Park

Strategic Planning scouts answers to transit needs

Strategic Planning, CTA's hub of change, is the focal point for decisions which impact revenue patrons and CTA employees.

This on-going group includes several urban planners, transit system planners, an economist, three experienced researchers and two former senior bus and rail service personnel. Together they keep CTA in keep CTA in for meeting the public's transportation needs.

Strategic Planning manager **Darwin Stuart** tackles the long-range projects, such as what rail lines are likely to be in CTA's future [the year 2010 plan], defining growth corridors, determining good use of CTA property [such as where to build a replacement bus garage], and the downtown distribution needs of transit customers.

"We are a leader in the industry," said **Sarah LaBelle**, superintendent of Market Analysis/Research. "We are big enough to get the job done, yet not so big that we're intrusive, and that's the way we want to keep it," she said.

LaBelle said her market analysis crew deals primarily with general ridership issues. They tackle fresh approaches to old ideas, which means additional federal funds for CTA coffers, since Section 15 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act requires reporting to earn certain federal funds.

LaBelle cites a survey conducted in Chicago's best-known recreational area, Lincoln Park, as one of SP's most successful ventures. "We are working with the Park District, the City of Chicago, and the neighborhood groups on parking and transit problems. Meanwhile, when the Chicago Cubs conducted a transportation survey of fans, they shared the



Darwin Stuart, manager, Strategic Planning, is flanked by **Diane Mitchell-Bey** [left], supervisor, Strategic Program Development, and **Sarah LaBelle**, superintendent, Market Analysis/Research, as they review surveys conducted by the department.

results with CTA, and Strategic Planning used the information to analyze transit service to the ball park. At least 25 per cent of the visitors to Lincoln Park Zoo, and 25 per cent of the fans at Wrigley Field, reach their favorite recreational haunts riding CTA."

Eight surveys have been conducted by Strategic Planning's market research and analysis team in the past year. Riders were asked for their

opinions on everything from how they felt about the condition of buses they ride, and how often they ride, to which colors they would prefer the buses to be.

In the process, CTA learned a lot about its riders. CTA patrons include a cross-section of people from the laborer to the service worker to the professional and executive, with annual incomes ranging from under

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Research analysts propose new data collecting ideas

The quest to build a better mouse trap, at least for the collection of data in the transportation industry, appears to have been resolved by two of CTA's newest employees.

William Hancox and **Peter Foote**, both market research analysts for Strategic Planning, in their collective and creative genius, have proposed a new and more efficient method of gathering "service consumed" data.

The information is essential and without it, CTA would be unable to collect the more than \$10 million in operating funds, and the \$40 million plus in annual capital development funds which the Urban Mass Transportation Administration [UMTA] distributes to Chicago. The same applies to all other transit properties with varying dollar amounts.

Hancox and Foote spent most of their first year with CTA compiling the necessary information about CTA passenger miles, which others had assisted in collecting in an exhaustive effort that takes several thousand hours annually.

This collection of data is done by riding randomly-selected bus and rail service vehicles, at various hours of the day and night, to help CTA estimate average trip

length and average passenger miles for the Authority's annual Section 15 Report. In this way, operating personnel who cooperate with Strategic Planning's data collectors are significantly enhancing CTA's revenue.

In the process of collecting the data, Hancox and

Foote co-authored a paper outlining the challenges that CTA faces in gathering such information. The document summarizes their field experiences and suggests ways to enhance data collection efficiency. The two research analysts want UMTA to permit collection method changes, which they believe would considerably reduce the cost of the process to CTA, yet retain the data's quality.

Their paper, *Producing Section 15*

Service Consumed Data: A Dynamic Challenge for Large Transit Agencies, points to the differences in gathering information for a small transit agency versus one serving a larger metropolitan area. Both men believe that the UMTA method is fine for small agencies, but cumbersome for larger transit properties such as CTA.

The co-authors have been invited to present their paper at the 68th Annual Meeting of the National Research Council Transportation Research Board, when it convenes in the nation's capital in late January, 1989.



William Hancox



Peter Foote

\$10,000 to over \$50,000. The users of public transportation take CTA to get to their jobs, their families and friends, places of worship, and to a variety of sources for entertainment and recreation.

Equally significant to the survey takers was learning that "Better Ultimate Service [B.U.S.]," CTA's pro-

gram for improved maintenance, is definitely noticed and has the appreciation of the riding public.

Planners also learned that, in spite of all the criticism so frequently reported, 43 per cent of all adults over the age of 12 who were surveyed in Chicago and the 37 suburban communities served by CTA use the

system at least once a week.

Studies also reveal that most CTA bus passengers are satisfied—some very satisfied—with riding CTA buses, especially where bus routing is concerned. However, many CTA patrons have indicated that they would like to see the frequency of service improved.

Real estate holdings are giving CTA a profit

"There's no law against the Chicago Transit Authority making a profit from the development of its many real estate holdings," says John W. Davis, manager of the CTA's Joint Development department.

"I'm determined to do just that—make a profit, a good profit, through joint development of our property or privatization of some of our parking garages," said Davis. "With shrinking federal funding, the CTA's got to be making money from something else besides the farebox," he added.

In his Merchandise Mart office, Davis opened a file titled Cumberland Parking Garage. Riffing through the documents and memoranda, he smiled with satisfaction. "Cumberland has been a loser in terms of generating income for the CTA since it opened in 1982. Costs associated with its operation and management kept increasing even though the garage was full every weekday. Why? Because of management problems.

"There were six separate CTA departments involved in operating and maintaining the 767-space garage," Davis said. "When all those departments got their expenses paid, only \$45,650 was left," he says.

"My department undertook the

private sector management of the Cumberland garage and worked out a three-year contract with Ganser-Oguss Parking, Inc., of Chicago who is paying CTA \$376,000. The contract runs from November 1, 1988 to October 30, 1991 after its approval by the Chicago Transit Board."

Davis plucked another folder from his desk. This one was for the Central Street 'L' property in Evanston, another of his projects.

"Here's a success story about Joint Development," he says. "We worked out a contract with the Highland Development company for the use of our parking lot for its proposed medical office building on Central street just west of Ridge avenue by our 'L' station."

Highland pays CTA \$75,000 for about 2,000 square feet of undeveloped land on the east side of the station, negotiated 15-year leases on the retail spaces in the station, and pays CTA \$1,500 a month plus 25 per cent of any sub-leasing profit, made \$75,000 worth of improvements to the old station, and pays CTA \$21,200 a year for the 50-car lot.

Davis whips out a calculator, does some quick figuring and announces that CTA will get \$750,000 or more

over 15 years from the rental of the station's commercial space.

CTA's Joint Development department staff also consists of James Richmond, who has a background in economic development.

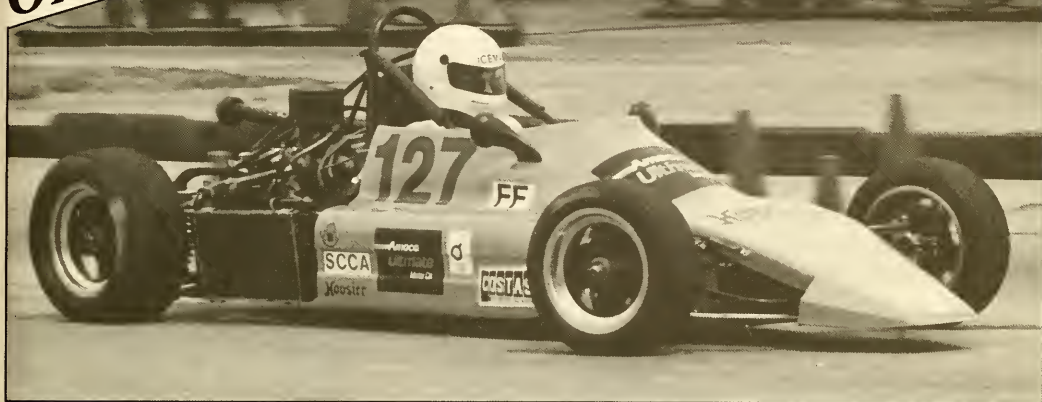
Those aforementioned projects are dwarfed by the \$60 million Howard street retail/transit project that Davis and Richmond have been laboring on for more than a year.

"This multi-million dollar improvement to the Rogers Park community will create a retail/transit/residential development on the south side of Howard street, east of Hermitage avenue, using a combination of private and CTA property. The CTA property involves its 300-space parking lot and its station building. When funding for development is finalized and construction begins, CTA will get a modern 'L' station for its nearly 10,000 weekday riders. The community will get a cluster of mixed income housing plus new commercial buildings," Davis says proudly.

Profits for CTA from the 767-space Cumberland Parking Garage (below) are expected to increase by more than 250% during the next three years as a result of the privatization contract arranged by Joint Development.



ON THEIR TIME



Technician can't describe his feeling for racing

Don Bruno and his '77 Reynard Formula Ford winning the '88 Portage Grand Prix street solo race at Portage, Indiana this summer. [PHOTO by Jeff Eissing]

"Whoooooooooooooosh" might be an appropriate description for Don "Iceman" Bruno's 1977 Reynard Formula Ford in which he recently took Sports Car Club of America's Central Division Divisional Solo II Formula Ford class championship at Milwaukee.

"That was one big event," said Don, a CTA transit technician assigned to Operations Planning. "There are no words to describe the feeling—there is just no way that I can make anyone know how much fun it is to run in these events," said Don as he struggled to paint a verbal picture that would convey that feeling to his audience.

Bruno was also winner of this year's Portage Grand Prix street solo race at Portage, Indiana. His sponsors, Chicago-based WREP Industries, the Hard Core Racers Headquarters, and Amoco's Ultimate Motor Oil, through their technical assistance, really gave him the support a racer needs to win.

"My racing goal," said Bruno, "is to take the Solo II National Championship. That's where my sights are set now." For the first time, Bruno gave the summer '88 Solo II National Championship at Salina, Kansas a hard run, but his best netted him only 19th out of the 26 B-Modified Class entries vying for the cup. Was it the car, or was it skill that didn't quite meet the mark? Our racer didn't say. How does he feel about 19th

Place? "Well, at least I didn't finish last," he said. "And I'll be back next year."

He has raced in Solo events—a grass-roots racing activity—since 1967. His cars have included everything from an Italian Alfa Romeo sedan to a Volkswagen Rabbit. There have been others in between, including a Ford Escort and a Pinto station wagon. "We race whatever we own," said Bruno. "Any car, any track, any time," noted the avid SCCA enthusiast.

If racing is in your blood and you'd like to get involved at an entry or grass-roots level, perhaps a way to go is the Chicago Region's Sports Car Club of America. If so, Don Bruno is the organization's Solo II Membership representative. He'll get you started.

SCCA, 40 years old this year, was organized to encourage the ownership and operation of sports cars as well as provide sports car enthusiasts a source for technical information.

Bruno said anyone can participate, whether you're a sports car owner or not. SCCA's nation-wide program includes road racing, solo racing, road rallying and related activities.

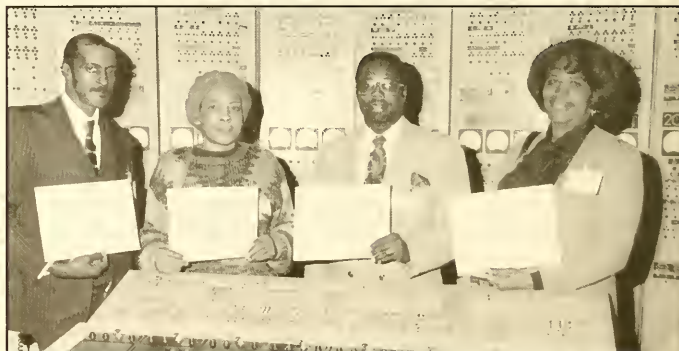


DAY IN cta

"Day in CTA" honorees are briefed on procedures in the Operations Control Center by bus controller **Cedrick Crosbie** [left]. Visiting the Center are ticket agent **Ardina Thomas**, 95th Street; conductor **Harold Howell**, Howard terminal; ticket agent **Marcia Cherry**, 95th Street terminal, and ticket agent supervisor **Ethel Armstrong**, District Office. Accompanying the honorees is **Thomas L. Anderson**, "Day in CTA" coordinator.



This ticket agent foursome displaying special certificates of recognition on a visit to the Power Control Section of the Operations Control Center are "Day in CTA" honorees. They are [from left] **Peter Lee** and **Peggy Haymon**, 95th Street terminal; **James Jones**, 63rd Street terminal, and **Elizabeth Manson**, 95th Street terminal.



Supervisory training program

Completion of a five-day shop supervisory training program at the Maintenance Training Center qualifies these certificated employees to assume responsibilities of leadership. They are [second from left] **Edward Paschal**, shop tractor operator; **Armando Martinez**, laborer; **Eriks Graudins** and

Robert McColl, carpenters; **Thomas McNeil**, machinist; **Duane Nieciecki**, **John Melendez**, and **James Arnoux**, electrical workers, and **Dale Jones**, **Jack Harwat** and **Rick Zwolenski**, machinists. Unit supervisors are [end, left] **Frank Vukovics** and **James House** [end, right].

Two Skokie workers devise new caliper removal process

Individual creativity has saved CTA more than a little time and effort over the years in the maintenance of its bus and rapid transit fleets. Now it's happening again, thanks to a pair of truck shop workers at Skokie Shop.

Dan Prozanski and **Larry Tomko** have been involved for some years in the process of removing and replacing brake calipers on the undersides of 2400 and 2600-series cars. Prozanski, a final assembler, came on the job in 1971, about six months after Tomko, who is now a machinist leader.

Recognizing Tomko's talents, Prozanski urged him to find a better way to get the calipers off and back onto the cars. The standard method has been for two workers to stand in a pit beneath the cars, removing two of the four bolts holding them to the car. Inserting poles into the bolt holes, the two remaining bolts were unscrewed and the caliper allowed to slide along the poles, while trying to keep it from hitting the floor of the pit.

Replacing one of the 85-pound calipers was equally cumbersome, and hardly less hazardous for the maintenance people doing the work. It took at least two working together to hold a caliper up to a car truck so the bolts could be reattached.

With four calipers on each car, and the process expected to be repeated some 1,950 times in 1988 alone, a new method was certainly needed to bring this essential maintenance procedure up to late 20th Century standards.



Urban League award

Mrs. **Betty Edwards**, manager of Consumer Affairs, was awarded the National Urban League's 25-year service pin for dedication and commitment to the organization. The presentation was made by **James W. Compton**, president and chief executive officer of the Chicago Urban League, at its annual business meeting October 11. Mrs. Edwards, a former Chicago Urban League employee, joined CTA in 1974 and has continued to serve as an Urban League volunteer. She is a member of the Chicago Urban League Convention Committee. The national convention was hosted by the Chicago Urban League.

In sizing up the logistics of the caliper-removal process, Tomko started from scratch to find a solution. First, he determined the precise dimensions of the caliper installation on the trucks, the distance between bolt holes, and the proper angle needed for access to the gear case assembly.

By this past August, Tomko had developed a prototype caliper stand attached to a wheeled base, with a cradle that could be raised and lowered by a foot-operated pump. The cradle has a pair of prongs set at precisely the same distance apart as two of the bolt holes on a caliper.

Mounted on a 45-degree angle, the two-pronged cradle can be raised from a position in the pit to the caliper under the car, where the corresponding bolts have been removed. When the two remaining bolts are detached, the caliper slides directly onto the cradle, and can then be taken to a storage area in preparation for repair work later. Meanwhile, a reconditioned caliper can be brought back and reattached to the car truck in reverse of the same process.

"This is a great work-saving device," said **Martin Venticinque**, machine shop foreman at Skokie. "It will allow us to do the same job with half the manpower, in half the time, and with much less risk to everyone involved."

"Our maintenance people have come up with plenty of good ideas in the past," he added, "and when Dan and Larry came to me with their plan, I could see they were on to something. I told them to take whatever measures they thought were necessary to make it work. Their efforts have certainly paid off."

CTA is now looking to provide one of the new stands to each of the terminal shops where calipers on 2400 and 2600-series cars are replaced, as well as to Wilson Shop, which also handles this procedure.

For Prozanski and Tomko, there is the satisfaction of knowing they have created a means of saving their colleagues from an extra burden they could gladly do without.



Frank Wsol (left), retired area superintendent, Bus Service, and **Carl Gibes**, retired director, Transportation Personnel, enjoy the sun on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina.

A Fond Farewell

Vernon Coleman

Principal traffic clerk **Vernon Coleman** and his family gather at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club where a retirement celebration was held in his honor. After 42 years of service with CTA, Coleman plans to put in some well-deserved fishing time. His family includes [from left] his wife, Frances; daughter June, and sons Vernon Jr. and Van.



James Stevens

Bus controller **James Stevens** is jubilant over the monetary gift presented to him by co-workers and other CTA friends at his retirement reception in the CTA Control Center. Stevens retired after 28 years of CTA service which he began as a bus operator. Subsequently, he was a bus personnel superintendent, and worked in CTA's financial services before becoming a bus controller. Stevens and his wife, Edith, relocated to Ayers, Mass.



Service anniversaries in October

40 Years

Matthew Cioffe, Support Services

35 Years

Frank Goodrich, Utility

Thomas McCann, Bus Dist. D

30 Years

John Antonucci, Rail Terminals

Frank Espinosa, Archer

Robert Nugent, West Section

Donald Rouse, Mech. Mice.

Miles Smith, Rail Personnel-North

Otis White, 103rd Street

Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen

25 Years

Allen Brown, 69th Street

Paul Cleveland, Archer

Dennis Cronin, North Park Mtce.

Lyle Deransburg, Rail Dist. North

Edward Dixon, Schedules

Abdullah Falaah-U-Deen, Archer

Norman Jones, 77th Street

Dominic Nicosia, 54th Mtce.

Fred Ormins, Brake Shop

Arthur Smith Jr., 69th Street

William Thompson, Instruction

William Toomey Jr., Lawndale Mice.

Fred Venhuizen, Forest Glen

John Williams, Ashland/61/95 Term.

Naamon Williams, 103rd Street

Leon Wool, Claims

John Wouffe, Elec. Con. & Sys. Mice.

RETIREMENTS

September

George E. Appleby, Dist. C, 26 Years

Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen, 25 Years

***Elijah Brown**, Madison/Wabash, 32 Years

Salvatore Carbonelli, Kedzie, 27 Years

Peter J. Carroll, West Shops, 16 Years

Vernon Coleman, Schedules, 42 Years

Tomnie Conley, Madison/Wabash, 31 Years

Curtis Davis, Forest Glen, 25 Years

Frank L. Fiore, West Shops, 40 Years

John D. Grace, Dist. D, 25 Years

George L. Harris, 69th Street, 25 Years

Ronald L. Hodges, North Park, 31 Years

***Dave Johnson**, Madison/Wabash, 37 Years

Mary Jane Johnson, Financial Services, 24 Years

Clifford E. Lewis, Lawndale, 28 Years

Patrick O. McCarthy, Fac. Engr. & Maint.,

25 Years

Bill Reed Jr., 77th Street, 25 Years

Bill Sholdice, Transp./Training & Instr., 25 Years

Andrew J. Webb, West Shops, 25 Years

Howard R. Wilson, Forest Glen, 25 Years

Joseph Zukerman, North Park, 14 Years

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Disabilities

Morton Libert, Mgmt. Svcs., 26 Years

Rafael Munoz, Limits, 14 Years

Isaiah Taylor Jr., 103rd, 20 Years

October

Vincent A. Brancaccio, South Shops, 8 Years

Clifford G. Carpenter, Equip. Engr. & Maint.,

20 Years

Jose R. Fernandez, North Park, 17 Years

Peyton Highlower, 77th Street, 25 Years

Henry J. Hughes, Kimball, 36 Years

Robert L. Johnson, Archer, 25 Years

Antonio G. Poulos, O'Hare, 25 Years

James E. Spencer, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 14 Years

Mitchell Thornton, Fac. Engr. & Maint., 31 Years

James D. Stephen, Comm. & Power, 27 Years

Disabilities

Wilfred L. Dowdell, North Avenue, 10 Years

John D. Smith, Archer, 13 Years

Frank Williams Jr., Skokie Shop, 23 Years

Ida Williams, 69th Street, 10 Years

November

Walter E. Keller, North Park, 30 Years

David L. Millsap, Lawndale, 25 Years

James L. Panoutsos, Forest Glen, 12 Years

Donald F. Powell Sr., South Shops, 35 Years

Afdale Prince, 63rd & Ashland, 35 Years

Jake Reed Jr., Archer, 38 Years

Billie Joe Slankard, Treasury, 28 Years

Terry M. Smoczyński, Fac. Engr. & Maint.,

25 Years

Disabilities

Elias Irizarry, Forest Glen, 11 Years

Earcle Lipscomb, 77th Street, 10 Years

Clara Owens, Lawndale, 11 Years



Anniversary Celebration

Norman and Vinnie Herron, Sr. (center) observed their 55th wedding anniversary aboard the *Star of Chicago* recently, compliments of their family. On hand with Mom and Dad as they prepare to celebrate were (from left): their daughter, ticket agent Audrey Bellamy; son Ernie Herron; the proud couple, Vinnie and Norman Herron, Sr.; daughter Barbara Bedford; son Norman Herron, Jr., superintendent, Limits Training Center, and daughter Arnell Allen, CTA Revenue Accounting. Included in the festive occasion, but not available for the photo, were a daughter, Norma Miller, and grandson, Fred Bellamy, a rail conductor.

IN MEMORIAM

Chester J. Abbott, 83, Kedzie, Emp. 10/19/36, Died 2/28/88
Milvern Anderson, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/19/35, Died 8/29/88
Frank J. Bell, 83, Forest Glen, Emp. 1/16/34, Died 10/26/88
William H. Blegen, 74, North Park, Emp. 4/24/41, Died 9/26/88
Nicholas A. Brindl, 75, Plant Maint., Emp. 3/14/47, Died 11/3/88
Antonio Casalino, 96, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2/28/27, Died 8/11/88
James Cervinka, 88, Lawndale, Emp. 3/12/34, Died 8/4/88
Stephan Chmelovsky, 54, Plant Mctce., Emp. 4/14/59, Died 8/19/88
Robert Crawford, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 1/17/49, Died 11/8/88
John B. Daly, 73, West Section, Emp. 2/6/45, Died 11/3/88
Joseph Deroche, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 11/19/64, Died 9/19/88
Thomas Dixon, 71, 52nd Street, Emp. 1/14/46, Died 10/25/88
John Dowling, 86, North Sect., Emp. 5/8/26, Died 7/30/88
Ralph Duncan, 99, 77th Street, Emp. 5/16/16, Died 10/15/88
Edward Durkin, 87, West Sect., Emp. 9/10/23, Died 8/25/88
Roy G. Ellerbeck, 71, Veh. Mctce., Emp. 4/17/39, Died 9/5/88
James Fakan, 89, Archer, Emp. 1/11/34, Died 8/15/88
Harold W. Feltz, 76, Transp., Emp. 4/15/42, Died 8/10/88
Robert L. Fumbanks, 85, Archer, Emp. 8/17/45, Died 8/25/88
John Gardner, 68, Archer, Emp. 1/6/51, Died 9/26/88
Raymond Goldstein, 79, Transp., Emp. —, Died 9/27/88

Edward J. Grogan, 92, 77th Street, Emp. 10/28/25, Died 9/23/88
Thomas Grubisch, 92, Way & Strcuts., Emp. 7/1/41, Died 9/11/88
John Grzac, 88, Way & Strcuts., Emp. 8/20/23, Died 10/1/88
C. Hammerschmitt, 77, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7/2/42, Died 2/13/88
George W. Harlwig, 69, Forest Glen, Emp. 10/19/48, Died 8/30/88
Henry W. Heller, 80, West Sect., Emp. 7/14/43, Died 7/26/88
Joseph A. Herman, 82, Electrical, Emp. 7/17/28, Died 10/22/88
Leonard C. Hess, 65, Group Prog./Admn., Emp. 11/13/72, Died 8/2/88
Arthur E. Johnson, 60, Transp. Serv., Emp. 7/8/44, Died 10/10/88
George R. Johnson, 92, Beverly, Emp. 11/21/28, Died 8/3/88
Sam Johnson, 62, North Avenue, Emp. 5/7/56, Died 10/11/88
Abel Kasper, 76, South Shops, Emp. 8/8/56, Died 10/9/88
Russell P. Killian, 84, Kimball, Emp. 5/12/43, Died 9/11/88
Joseph A. Klein, 79, Accounting, Emp. 8/5/41, Died 10/12/88
Nick J. Koehnke, 80, Limits, Emp. 1/31/34, Died 8/17/88
Walter A. Krueger, 78, Transp., Emp. 2/3/43, Died 10/8/88
Ralph H. Kugetard, 77, Dist. D, Emp. 8/19/36, Died 6/3/88
James M. Lee, 69, 69th Street, Emp. 8/31/46, Died 9/22/88
Clarence Lund, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/12/23, Died 10/25/88
Millard E. Mabry, 64, West Shops, Emp. 4/15/74, Died 7/28/88
Peter Marchisotto, 73, North Park, Emp. 1/16/43, Died 8/15/88

John W. Martens, 78, Keeler, Emp. 4/24/43, Died 9/7/88
Joseph J. Mauro, 67, West Shops, Emp. 8/3/50, Died 8/21/88
Gustave H. May, 83, North Avenue, Emp. 3/30/26, Died 9/15/88
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Donaldson Thompson, 56, 63rd-Lower Yard, Emp. 3/8/62, Died 9/10/88
Henry F. Trostel, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 8/19/36, Died 8/1/88
Arthur Turner, 62, Congress, Emp. 5/18/53, Died 10/13/88
Emil E. Velkavr, 71, Maintenance, Emp. 9/15/65, Died 8/6/88
Phillip N. Wageman, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 4/17/34, Died 10/10/88
William C. Waters, 91, Electrical, Emp. 5/21/20, Died 9/9/88
Ezra J. Watson, 73, Central Dist., Emp. 10/22/53, Died 8/27/88
Roosevelt Wright, 45, Transp., Emp. 8/31/70, Died 10/4/88

Star of Chicago

Terry Hocin [standing], director, Advertising & Promotions, meets with his staff aboard the *Star of Chicago* as the ship leaves Navy Pier with 40 winners of CTA's dinner cruise. The Oct. 7 event climaxed the celebration of 40 years of CTA service to the riding public. The winners included 20 CTA employees and 20 CTA riders, and each winner was allowed to bring one guest for the late evening boat ride on Lake Michigan. Contestants were required to write the slogan "Celebrate 40 years of CTA service, cruise along with CTA and the Star of Chicago" on a post card. Guests at Hocin's table included [from left] Mrs. Joyce Shaw, Advertising & Promotions representative; Mrs. Sandy Hocin, wife of the director; Ms. Carmen Gonzalez, Advertising & Promotions representative and CTA project coordinator for the cruise, and Michael Taylor, Advertising & Promotions representative.



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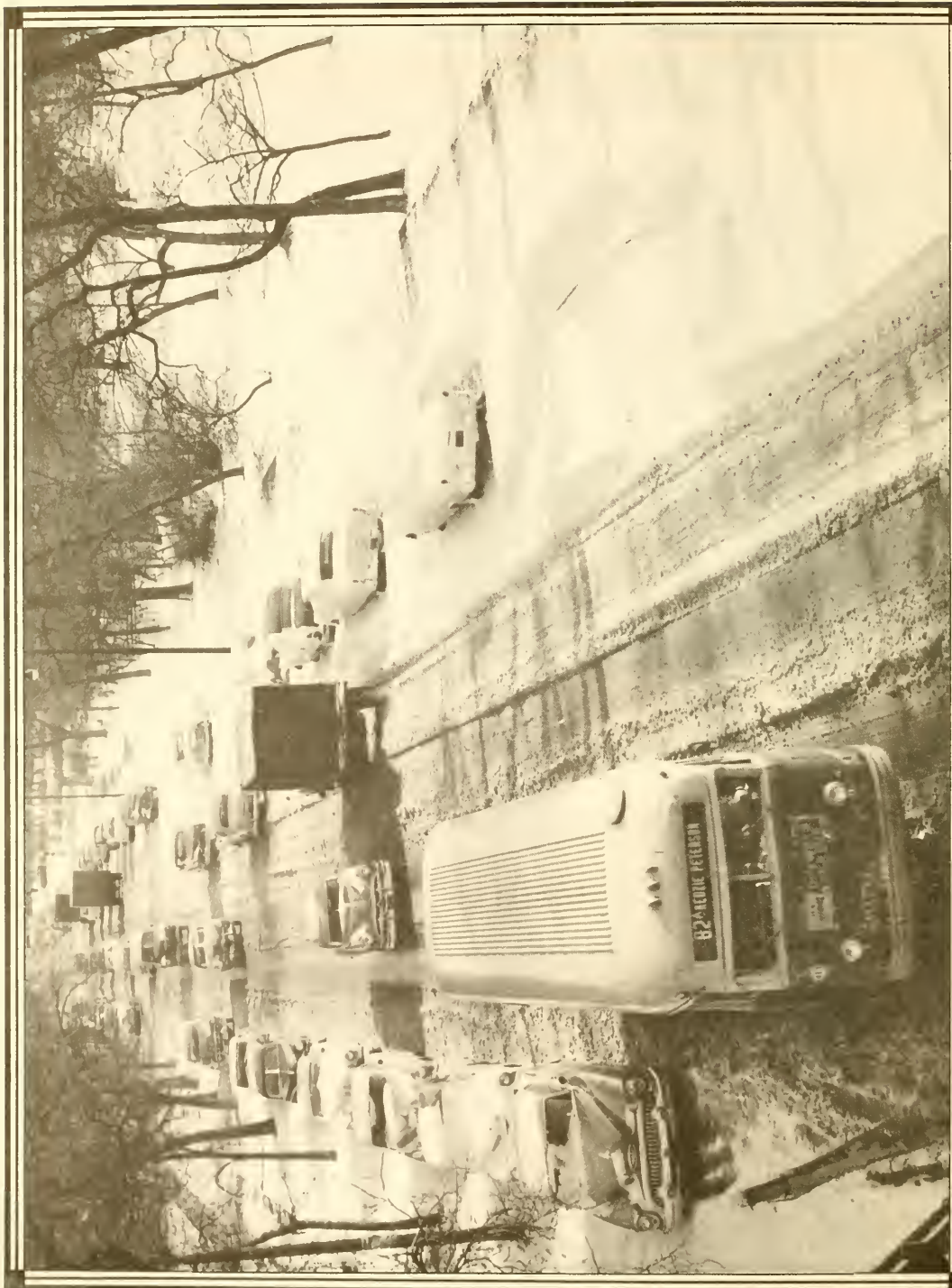


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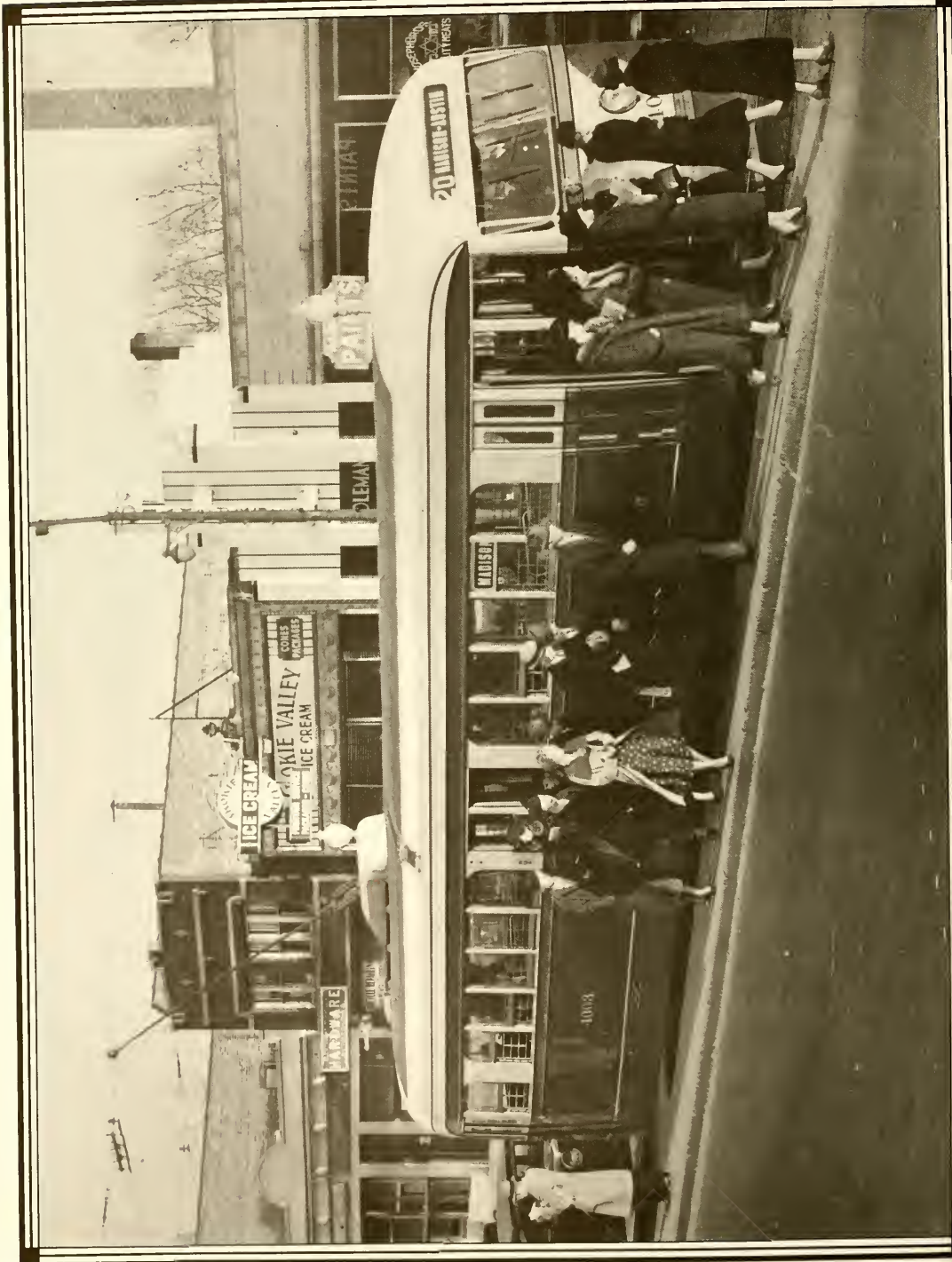
Two turn-of-the-century wooden motor cars with a coach in between head east across the Lake Street bridge in 1924.



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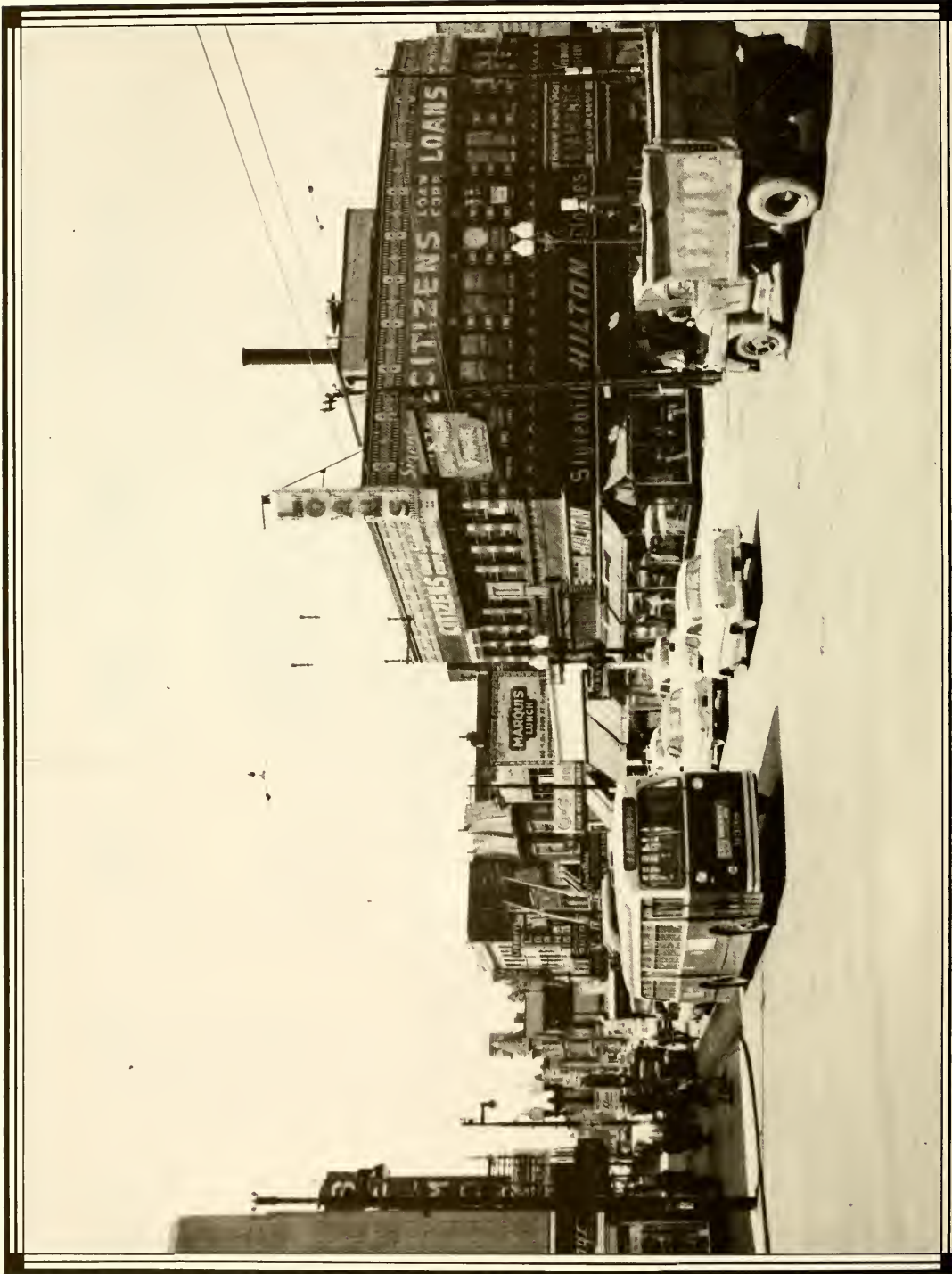
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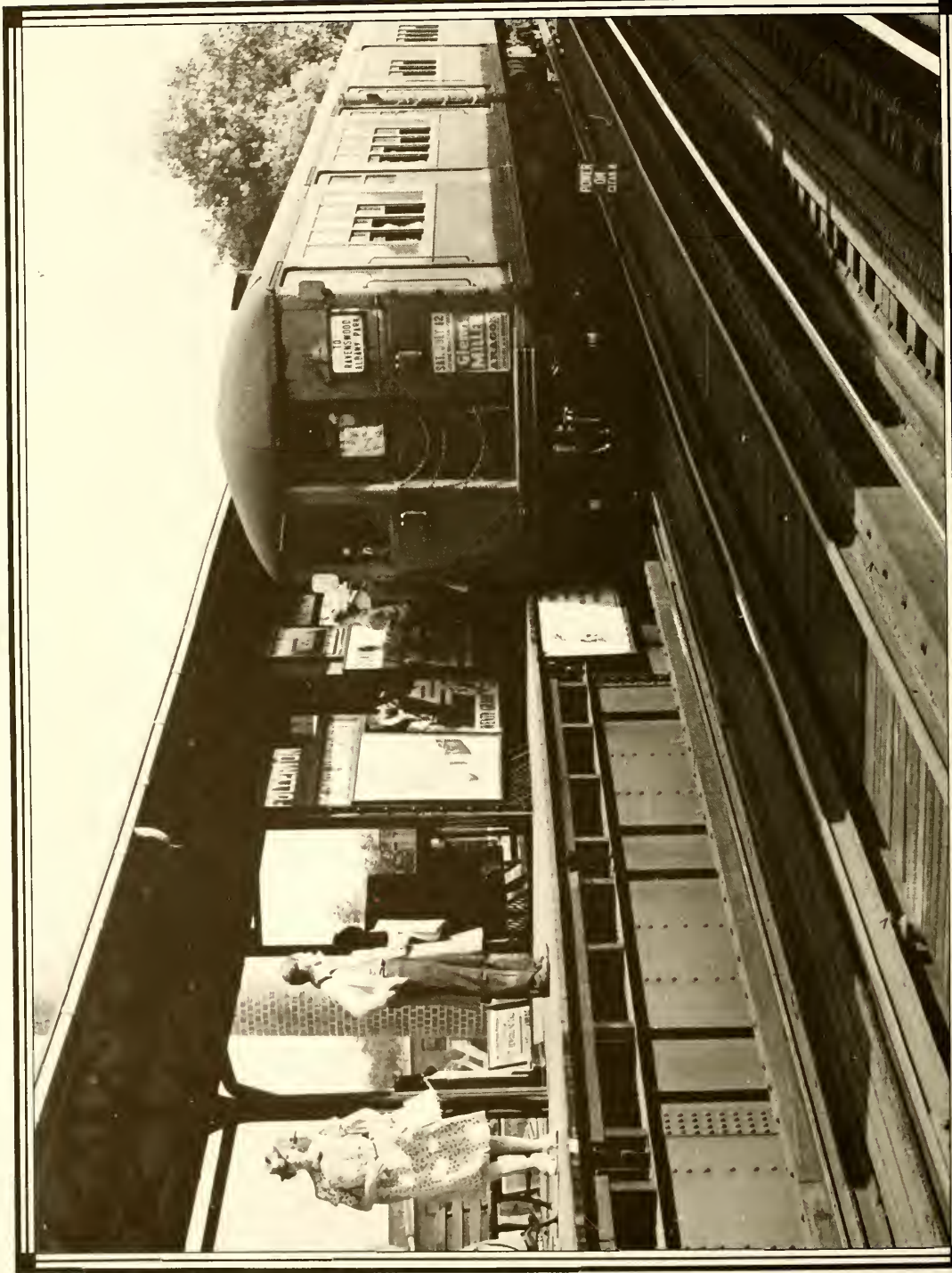
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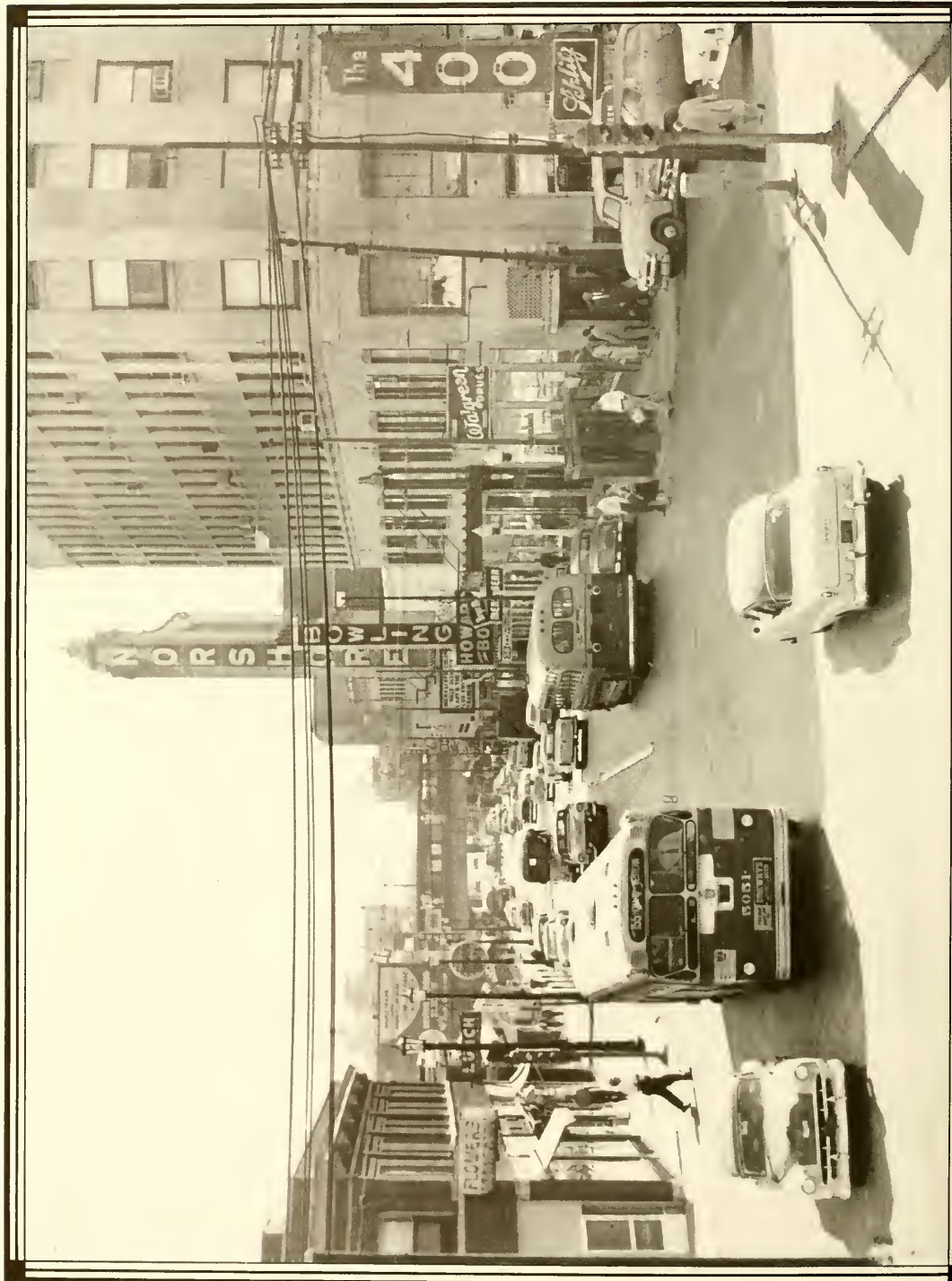
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1 G	2 A	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 E	7 F
8 F Mother's Day	9 G	10 A	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 E
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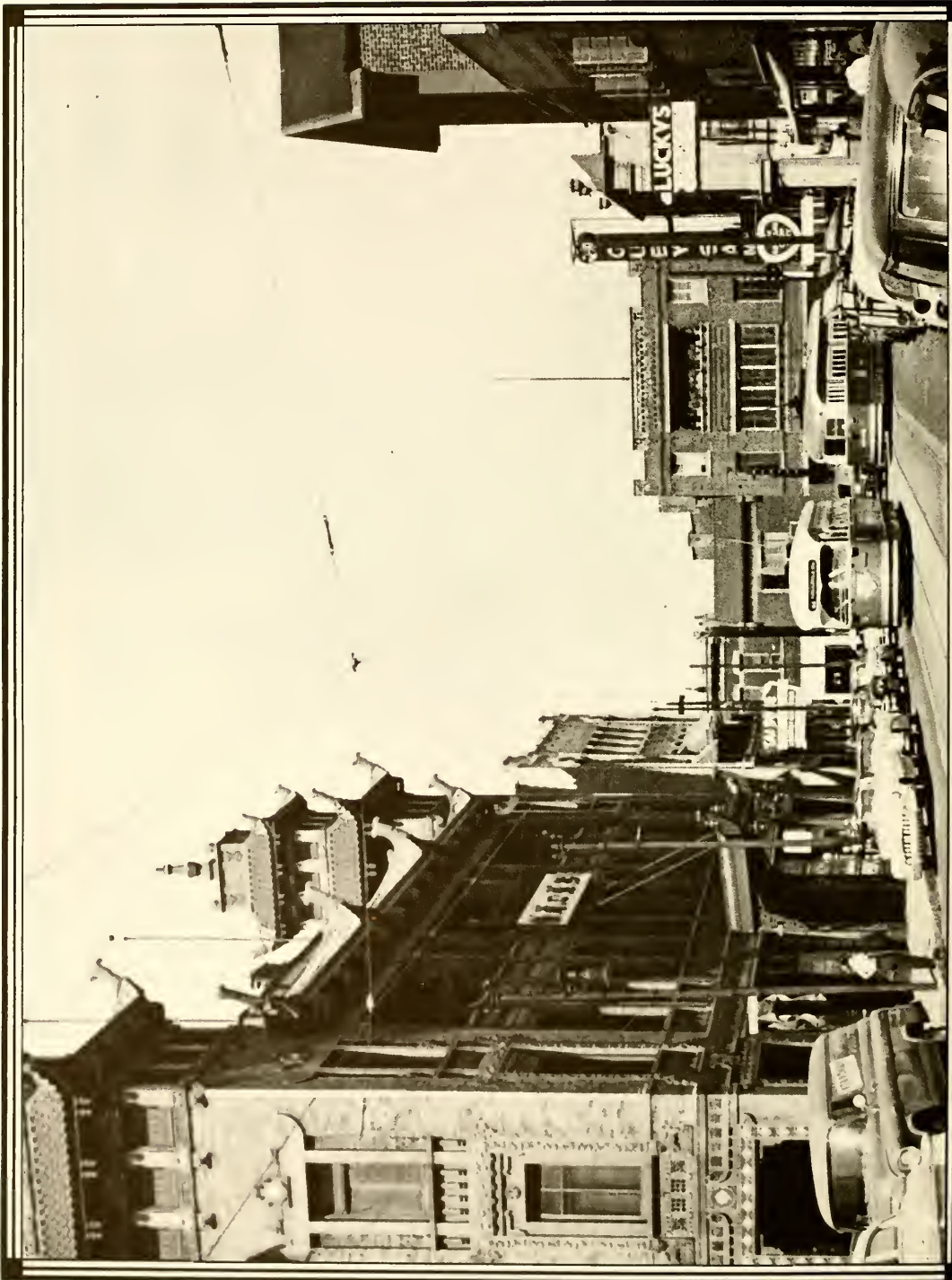


A Twin Coach propane bus on the No. 155 route passes an Evanston bus heading toward Howard terminal in this 1955 view looking east at Clark.

June 1988

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Father's Day						
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August 1988

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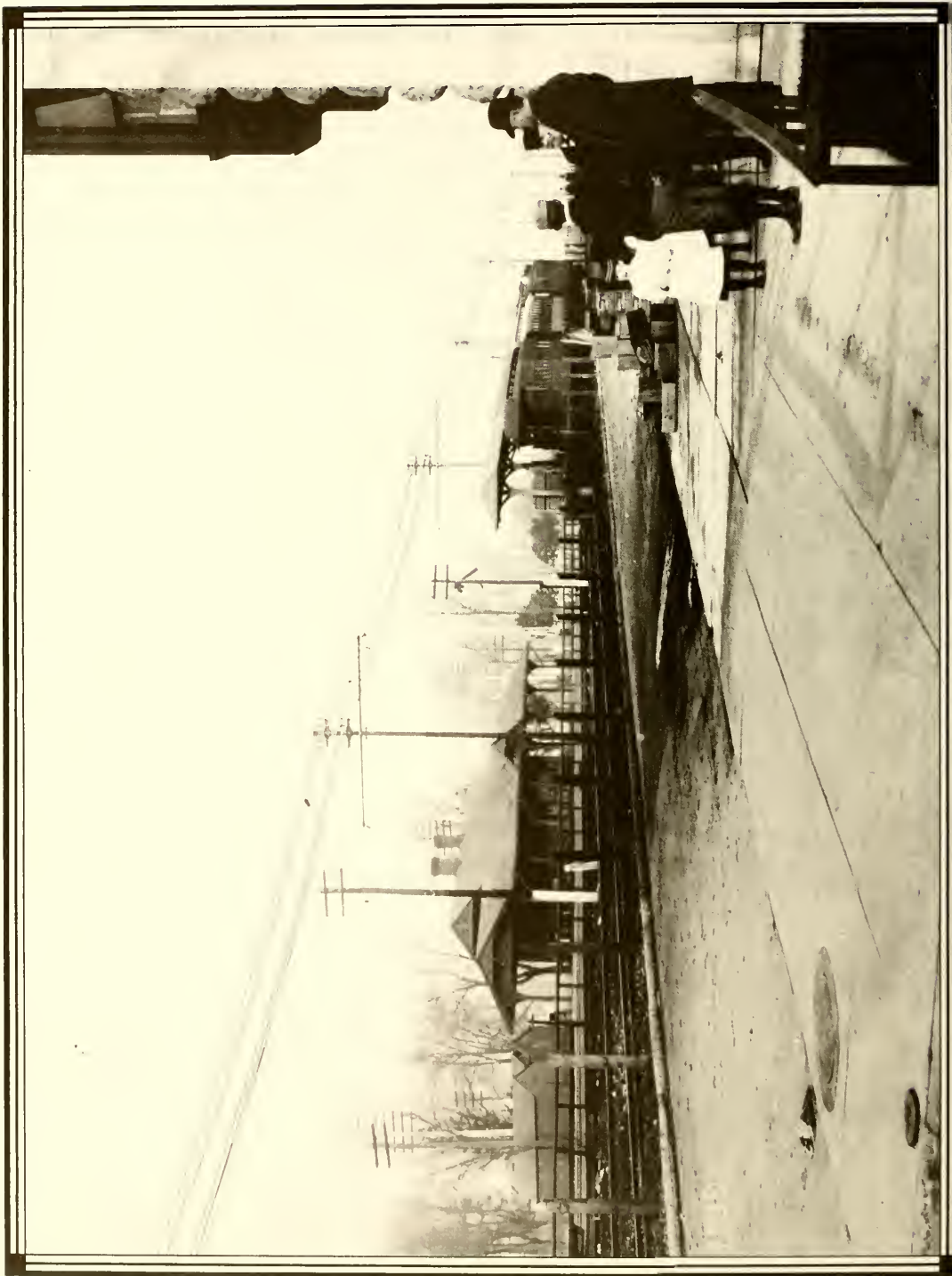
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January

Over a five-year period, beginning in 1944, the White Motor Company, of Cleveland, produced 297 gas buses for the Chicago Surface Lines and its successor, CTA. No. 3676, shown northbound on Homan in this 1955 view looking south from the Lake Street 'L', was among the last of the group, and had automatic transmission. Earlier versions of the "798" models were built with manual transmissions, which kept operators' hands and feet extra busy, since they not only had to use a clutch and gear shift, but also had to make change. The last of the 44-seat Whites were retired in 1961 after the "New Look." GM's began to enter service.



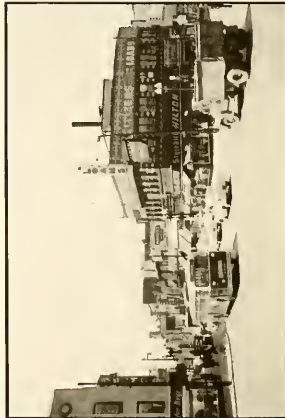
February

The shine of newness was still evident in this picture of "Blue Goose" streetcar No. 4003 stopping westbound on Madison at Central in 1937. A safety island kept riders out of the way of passing motor vehicles and provided at least partial protection from street-level slush in the winter. The entire pre-World War II fleet of 83 PCC cars built by the St. Louis Car Company was first used for Madison Street service. Popularity of the 58-seat cars led to the post-war purchase of 600 more from both the St. Louis company and Pullman Standard. Built for two-man operation, they had hand controls for braking and acceleration.



March

The Chicago Motor Coach Company took delivery of 12 32-seat General Motors buses in 1947 for use in shuttle service, mainly between Soldier Field parking lot and the Merchandise Mart, on what later became CTA's No. 149 Stateline route. As shown on bus No. 66 westbound on Balbo at Michigan around 1950, the 7-cent fare was displayed in oversized lettering on the bus, which was painted in shades of red and gray to distinguish it from CMC's standard green and cream colors. All of these smaller buses were out of service by 1963, but No. 66 was converted to Work Bus BW-35 for another eight years of duty.



April

CTA's first full year of operation - 1948 - saw delivery of 210 trolley buses, including 45 from the Pullman Standard Company, like most other trolleys. No. 9338, shown eastbound on Belmont at Lincoln and Ashland in 1955, had the "9" added to its numerals in 1952 to avoid confusion with newly acquired Chicago Motor Coach vehicles. During this period, gas buses were used for extension service on Belmont from the 'L' to Lake Shore Drive. Trolley buses had provided extension service along the west end of the route, from Parkside to Pacific, as early as 1931. All trolley operations on Belmont ended in January, 1973.



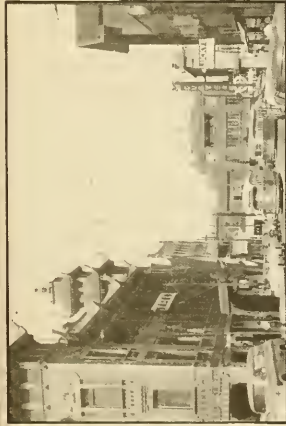
May

Both before and after the State Street subway was opened in 1943, Ravenswood trains were through-routed to Englewood and Normal Park. In this 1941 view, a six-car train pulls in to the Fullerton station northbound on track 3, leaving Kenwood-Wilson trains to serve local stops. The 4000-series cars on the train were built in 1913-14 by the Cincinnati Car Company for Chicago Elevated Railways with center doors that were never officially used. They were nicknamed "baldy" or "bowling alley" cars because there was no adornment on their curved roofs, and seats backed up to the windows, leaving an unusually wide aisle.



June

Sharing the city's north borderline with an Evanston bus heading east toward Howard terminal, a No. 155 Devon bus leaves Clark Street on the last leg of a circuitous trip to Briarwood and Western in 1955. This part of the route was started by the Chicago Motor Coach Company in 1938, and included portions of Pratt and Ashland Boulevards. Bus No. 5051 was among the first of 500 propane liquefied gas buses purchased in 1950 from Twin Coach of Ohio. CTA became the world's largest operator of propane buses, acquiring a fleet of 1,702 between 1950 and 1963. The last propane bus ran on the No. 22 Clark route Jan. 6, 1976.



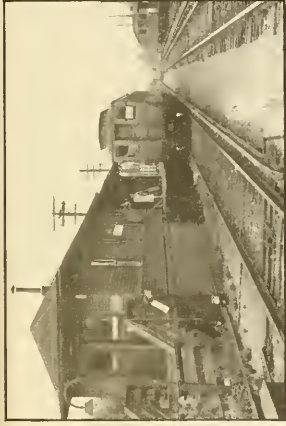
July

Just south of where through-routed cars switched from Clark to Wentworth operation, two St. Louis Car Company "Green Hornets" PCCs pass each other on Wentworth at Germak. They could be distinguished from the Pullman-built units of the same period by the point in the middle of the windshield frame, which the Pullmans didn't have. When this photo was taken, in 1935, buses were already being used for weekend service. Ironically, CTA's last streetcar made its final run on Wentworth on June 21, 1958. Most of the 600 post-war PCC cars had their parts removed for use in St. Louis-built 6200-series rapid transit cars.



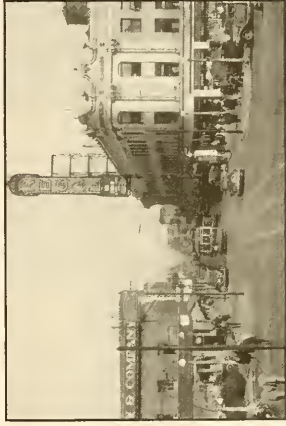
October

Little more than a year of service remained for the open-platform wooden cars on the Ravenswood train shown northbound in this 1956 view from the pedestrian bridge at Belmont. No. 360 was part of an order for 80 cars purchased in 1905 from the American Car & Foundry Co., of Jeffersonville, Indiana, for the South Side Elevated Railroad Co. These cars started out with patterned window shades, and riders either sat facing each other on one of eight double seats in the center or on bench seats near the doors. Delivery of 6000-series cars like those shown on mainline trains allowed phasing out of the older units.



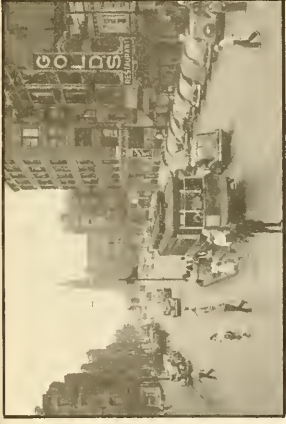
August

Into the last decade of their half century of service, 2800-series trains on the Garfield Park line pull into Gundersen station, in Oak Park, in this early 1940s view looking west. Both American Car & Foundry Company, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Pullman, of Chicago, built the cars between 1904 and 1906 for the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railway. They had wooden bodies reinforced with steel, pneumatically operated sliding side doors, and hot water heating systems that were eventually replaced by electric heaters. The center track was used mainly by express trains of the Chicago Aurora & Elgin Railroad.



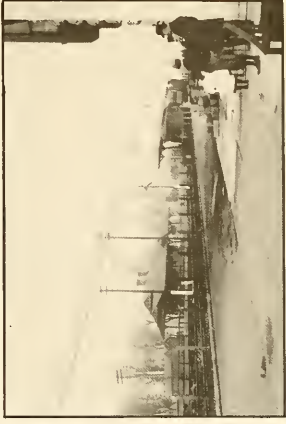
November

The J. G. Brill Company, of Philadelphia, produced more than 1,300 streetcars for a number of Chicago transit operators, mainly during the first quarter of the century. In this view looking east on 47th Street in 1934, a 5100-series "Little Brill" circa 1905 stops westbound at South Park Way en route to a terminal at Kedzie. Called Grand Boulevard until 1923, South Park Way was changed in 1968 to honor civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service on 47th Street began with horsecars in 1887, from State to Ashland, and included trolley buses from 1952 till 1965 between Lake Park and Archer Avenues.



September

A "Big Pullman," one of 600 cars delivered, beginning in 1908, from Pullman's South Side plant, heads east on Roosevelt Road in this 1944 view looking west at Halsted. Long the mainstay of the city's comprehensive streetcar system, Pullmans were used on all major routes, beginning with Madison Street. The downtown routing shown in the destination sign of Car No. 333 was via Canal to Harrison and Wells, then north to an Adams-Deaiborn-Van Buren loop. For the World's Fair of 1933-34, Roosevelt service was extended east on a trestle over the Illinois Central tracks to a terminal along Lake Shore Drive at 14th.



December

Within three years after the Lake Street Elevated Railroad began left-hand operation with steam locomotives from Market Street (now Wacker Drive) to California Avenue, in 1893, trains were running right-handed to Laramie Avenue, and had switched to third-rail electric power. By 1899, when this photo was taken looking northeast from Central Avenue, service had been extended again, this time using overhead trolley power at street level from Laramie to Marion in Oak Park. The larger station in this picture taken shortly after annexation of the town of Austin, was used by Chicago & NorthWestern passengers.

Cover Photo:

The Northwestern Elevated Railroad purchased the 1700-series wooden motor cars shown at either end of a Lake Street train heading east across the Chicago River in 1924. Motorcars' positions were on the left side, since both the Northwestern and Lake Street elevated lines began operations left-handed. Also dating from the early 1900s was the 3200-series wooden coach in the middle of the train. Both motor cars and the coach had enclosed vestibules and folding side doors. Downtown operation for Lake Street trains at the time was via Wells, Van Buren and Wabash, counterclockwise around the Inner Loop.

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This symbolic key to CTA's newest rapid transit facility at the State Of Illinois Center is presented by Governor James R. Thompson to acting Mayor Eugene Sawyer during the stations's opening day ceremony. Looking on as the acting mayor accepts the key are CTA Chairman Clark Burrus (left) and Rosemarie Gulley, CTA director of Media Relations.

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O'Hare line subway entrance opens

The first phase of a new three-level rapid transit station complex within the State Of Illinois Center (SOIC) was opened Friday, February 24 by Governor James R. Thompson, Mayor Eugene Sawyer, and CTA Chairman Clark Burrus.

The new facility provides a direct entrance to the Clark/Lake subway station on the O'Hare-Congress-Douglas 'L' subway route from the SOIC. The subway station will be accessible at all times through the Lake street entrance to the SOIC, even when building offices are closed.

The station is fully accessible to disabled riders. The facility is equipped with elevators which are available from the street to the mezzanine levels inside the SOIC. Another elevator operates from the mezzanine to the platform level in the Clark/Lake subway.

Included in the design of the SOIC by architect Helmut Jahn in a joint venture with the firm of Murphy/Knight, the station will ultimately be linked below street level with the 203 North LaSalle building on the north side of Lake street. It will also be connected to City Hall and other government and commercial buildings through a pedway that is already open between city hall and Michigan Avenue.

The overall project includes reconstruction of the Clark/Lake elevated platform which is served by Lake-Dan Ryan, Ravenswood and Evanston Express trains. Riders will ultimately be provided with direct connections between the 'L' and subway stations through the SOIC and 203 North LaSalle buildings.

The new station entrance will be open 24 hours a day, with two ticket agents on duty during the morning and afternoon rush periods. In addition, 10 new-generation electronic turnstiles will accommodate riders paying full adult fares with coins or tokens. The turnstiles will also issue transfers.

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The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club elected officers for 1989 at its January 10 meeting. The new leaders are (from left) **Warren Scholl**, treasurer; **Sam Girard**, second vice president; **George Nash**, first vice president; **Frank Koziol**, president, and **Walter Steinbeiss**, secretary. The organization holds a 1:30 luncheon meeting each second Tuesday at the Golden Flame Restaurant which is located at Nagle and Higgins road. Pioneers president Frank Koziol said valuable pensioner information is disseminated at the organization's meetings which are open to all CTA retirees. Inquirers should contact club president Koziol at 631-5022.



Personnel of North Park garage are enthusiastic after receiving Red Carpet certificates of achievement. Other locations earning the special recognition under the new pilot program were 69th and Kedzie garages, Kimball terminal, and the CTA control center.

Red Carpet Striving to overhaul CTA images

Does a smile from a CTA operator make a difference to a boarding passenger, or does it matter if the operator practices good grooming and is attired in a clean uniform?

It could make a difference and it often does. Not only does it present the rider with a good image of CTA, but the operator feels good about the job and demonstrates self esteem.

A pilot training program called "Red Carpet," launched in October under the auspices of the Operations Division, is concerned with a better CTA image and with helping employees provide better CTA service. The objective of Red Carpet is to foster the notion among CTA employees that quality service depends as much upon the manner in which the service is rendered as it does on the service itself.

Indeed little things do mean a lot. The unsolicited "Good morning," the eye contact, and being polite, friendly and helpful is often the key to putting someone in a good mood, and demonstrates a caring attitude to the public. Red Carpet, was implemented initially as a pilot program during the fall '88 pick, and was limited to the Ravenswood rail route, the # 66 Chicago bus route out of Kedzie garage, #63 63rd street route from the 69th street garage, and the #155 Devon bus route out of the North Park garage.

Ravenswood was selected for the Red Carpet pilot because the rail route winds through various city neighborhoods. It meant that a diverse ethnic population would have an opportunity to benefit from the Red

Carpet service concept. Ravenswood is also a self-contained route with one terminal, which reduced maintenance problems during the pilot program.

The selected bus routes run east-west and take in a broadly representative portion of the city, serving riders on the north side #155, central area #66, and the south side #63.

Personnel participation in the training included operating and station personnel at Kimball and Howard terminals, operators working the three assigned bus routes, extra board, and part-time personnel, clerks, bus service personnel, service supervisors, bus, rail and agent instructors, communications center staff, and selected maintenance employees.

Red Carpet asks CTA employees to "buy into" the great effort to improve the quality of CTA service. Individuals were urged to internalize and focus on self. *What can I do to make this a better organization?* is the question upon which Red Carpet focuses attention. Inducements for program participation are paid training and certificates of participation.

The pilot seminar was conducted at Chicago's Palmer House with a video introduction by former Executive Director Robert Paaswell. The day-long activity included discussion of transit rider situation problems, and extensive question-answer sessions leading to self-awareness and improvement. "One Small Step," a film on getting along, cooperation and the golden rule, with actor James Whitmore, and "Ripples," a film on courtesy and customers, were also shown.

Four employees earn Spirit of Chicago awards for service

A schedule maker, two bus operators and an iron worker were recent recipients of CTA's "Spirit of Chicago" award for outstanding service or humanitarian efforts by an employee.

Schedule maker **George West**, a 19-year employee, was presented with the award by Chairman **Clark Burrus** for his leadership in a pre-Yuletide drive to collect shoes



George West

and canned foods for the needy. West is a member of the **Operations Planning** department.

In recognizing West for his contributions, the chairman noted that he had coordinated the shoe drive with Scholl's college (see story, page 3) which resulted in thousands of pairs of shoes for the homeless being donated by CTA employees.

"West was also instrumental in the successful 'Sharing It' canned food drive held in December. He is another example of the kinds of dedicated, concerned people who work at CTA," Burrus said.

Bus operators **Johnny C. Brown**, of Kedzie garage, and **Charles Welch** of 77th street garage both received the "Spirit of



Chairman Clark Burrus presents the 'Spirit of Chicago' award to iron worker John Hausherr and his proud wife Lori.

Chicago" award respectively for apprehending a hit and run motorist, and for the rescue of a person who had fallen from an 'L' platform.

Brown was operating his bus when he observed a motorist strike a woman causing severe injuries to her leg, and fatally injuring her 14-year old daughter. The motorist then crashed into another vehicle.



Johnny C. Brown

Brown stopped his bus, rushed to the aid of the victims, and assisted others at the scene in holding the motorist until police arrived. Brown has been a CTA employee for three years.

Operator **Charles Welch** was a passenger on an 'L' train on New Years day when he saw the Rev. Albert B. Jackson, a blind man, fall from the Addison platform onto the tracks, and land between the cars of the stopped southbound train.

Welch, a CTA employee for 16

months, had the conductor hold the train and went to the minister's rescue. After getting him to the platform, he went back and recovered the man's cane and braille bible.



Charles Welch

Iron worker **John Hausherr**, a CTA employee for three years, was honored for helping rescue victims of an apartment fire in the early morning hours of January 23.

Hausherr was with a CTA crew doing maintenance work on the Lake street 'L' structure at Hamlin avenue when he saw the blaze erupt in the building.

He ran about a half-block to the building and pounded on doors to arouse sleeping occupants. Hausherr also removed two children from a smoked filled apartment, rushed them outside, and returned to the apartment to lead the children's father to safety.

Employees Donate 8,000 Soles in Shoe Campaign



Over 4,000 pairs of shoes donated to Scholls college by CTA employees are piled to the ceiling in the school's storage room.

CTA employees were among volunteers participating in Scholl College's shoe drive for Chicago's homeless. More than 4,000 pairs of shoes were donated to Scholl's "Let Someone Fill your Shoes" campaign.

CTA's participation was spearheaded by special projects coordinator George West, a schedule maker in Operations Planning, and Marketing's Michael Taylor. Terry A. Hocin, director, Advertising and Promotions, also assisted with the project which culminated in November.

The CTA donation was the largest single contribution in the drive which was launched last February by Mayor Eugene Sawyer. Students and faculty of the 75-year old Scholl College identified the need for adequate footwear through their volunteer work providing footcare to homeless people at Chicago shelters.

The shoes are distributed to the needy through the Travelers and Immigrants Aid's Health Care for the Homeless program, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

A Travelers and Immigrants Aid coordinator said many people are accustomed to donating clothing to the needy, but often neglect to donate footwear. "Most of us take for granted what it's like to have a pair of warm, dry shoes," the coordinator said.

North Park bus operator Robert L. Richardson, winner of the 1987 and 1988 CTA Bus Rodeo, represented the thousands of CTA employees who responded to the appeal for shoes as he was chosen to haul CTA's donations to the college aboard his bus.

"At the onset of the cold season and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we hope our contribution can be put to good use," said Richardson. "I think everyone can identify with the human need for a decent pair of shoes on their feet, whatever the weather," Richardson added.

One source at the college said more than 50 percent of the foot problems sustained by the homeless are the result of poorly fitting or delapidated shoes."

Thanks for



Danny Bishop (No. 3 King Drive, 77th Street garage) was commended for his courtesy and politeness by Marion Parks, of Eberhart Avenue. "The bus was overcrowded, as he was literally taking three loads of passengers, but from the Dunbar High School students to the workers, he was polite, gave instructions, such as 'Move to the rear,' 'Let them off,' 'Be careful,' etc., yet never once did he raise his voice."



Gladys McPherson (No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) was leaving Howard terminal when Antoine Simmons, of North California Avenue, yelled for her to stop. "She was so nice that she did it. Then she stood up to help me on the bus because I am handicapped. She drove very carefully, and when I got off, she helped again. She treated the passengers well, and was so helpful with children and the elderly that I just had to write."



Rudolph Blakemore (No. 54B South Cicero, Lawndale garage) "made my day," according to Augie Lewis, of Agatite Avenue. "He went out of his way to be polite, courteous and considerate to every person who entered the bus. He awaited buses from other lines so that transferring riders could board our bus. He asked everyone how they felt, and bid them 'Hello' and Good-bye," and just was a good, all-around gentleman."



William Knudsen (No. 152 Addison, Forest Glen garage) was complimented for "his loyal service" by William Kaplinski, of Plainfield Avenue. "As students were boarding, he asked to see their bus passes. A majority had them, but many did not, and were taken by surprise, having to pay a full fare. If more drivers were tuned in to asking for passes, I'm sure we would all feel that everyone who rides is treated fairly."

Employees who received

Walter Badon, 69th Street
Ronald Bailey, Forest Glen
Raymond Battle, Howard/ Kimball
Carl Benoit, Forest Glen
James Boyd, Limits
Leon Boyd, Limits
Stephan Butler, Limits

Jean Cage, North Park
Charles Calder, Howard/ Kimball
Dolores Cintron, Kedzie
Kendall Clark, 69th Street
Wayman Cloyd, 103rd Street
Clyde Coleman, Howard/ Kimball
Gerald Collymore, Lawndale
Larry Cooper, Howard/ Kimball
Herbert Cox, Jr., North Park
Elнора Curry, Limits

Randolph Davis, Archer
Rickey Davis, North Park

Arthur Davis, Limits
Philip Dudle, North Park
Thomas Dunn, Archer
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Joe Evans, Kedzie

Richard Ferrer, Agents North
Albert Fields, North Park
Dolores Flores, North Park
John Flowers, Ashland, 61, 95th Street

Julian Galindo, North Park
Juan Gonzalez, North Park
Diane Gordon, Agents West
Dorothy Graham, Limits

Roosevelt Harvest, 69th Street
William Hill, Limits
Douglas Hoffman, Kedzie
Andrew Howard, Kedzie
Margaret Hunt, Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park
Billie Jett, Archer
Udrell Johnson, 77th Street
Paul Johnson, 69th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Angela Johnson, Limits
Kenneth Jones, Ashland, 61, 95th Street

Barbara Keaton, Archer
Promila Krishan, Agents North

Tom Lenoir, Kedzie
Hipolito Liquigan, Forest Glen

Edwin Mahan, Ashland, 61, 95th Street
Wilbert Matthews, Howard/ Kimball
Theodore McIntyre, Kedzie
Vivian Menendez, North Park
David Metken, Forest Glen
Isaias Molina, Forest Glen
Guilford Moore, Rail System Janitor Service

making their day!



Phyllis Woods (No. 9 Ashland, Limits garage) "displayed exemplary qualities," in the view of Steve Lobacz, of South Damen Avenue. "She was polite and friendly; she called out the major street stops, and was graciously helpful to me and others when we solicited information from her. When she heard a radio playing in the back of the bus, she spoke up with strength and determination that this was not permitted on the bus."



Doris Thompson (No.29 State, 77th Street garage) was praised by Don Owens, of Bedford, Texas, who was "visiting Chicago for the first time...and was hesitant to use the public transportation system due to its vastness and my unfamiliarity with it. I quickly discovered I was learning more about Chicago and how to get around the city using CTA than I had from a Gray Line tour the night before. She was helpful and informative."



Ricky Hawk (No. 151 Sheridan, North Park garage) was called "extremely pleasant and efficient" by Tonia Lorenz, of Irving Park Road. "It was a wet night, and he helped several older people off the bus so they wouldn't slip, pulling as close as possible to the curb at each stop. He motioned to a woman waiting at the wrong place where the real bus stop was, and then waited for her. He also explained to me about other routes."



Thomas Palma (No.56 Milwaukee, Forest Glen garage) was appreciated by Dorothea Thomas, of North Ridgeway Avenue. "He greeted everyone, pulled up to every curb, called out the stops, and when seniors were getting off the bus, he cautioned them to be careful. When we came to the Jefferson Park terminal, he thanked everyone for riding CTA. From the smiles on everyone's face, you could sense the happy atmosphere."

commendations since our last listing

Eugene Motyka, Jefferson Park
Faye Murry, Limits

Gerald Nelson, 77th Street

Cecil Oquinn, Forest Park

Thomas Palma, Forest Glen
Julio Perez, North Park
Reinhard Poetz, Forest Glen
Yvonne Poindexter, 69th Street
Eddie Powell, Agents West
Edonis Priest, Kedzie
Robert Pritchard, Forest Glen
Joeie Purnell, Jefferson Park
Gordon Purtell, Forest Glen

Maria Quintanar, Agents West

Julio Ramos, North Park
Armando Rengifo, North Park

Derrick Rhodes, 77th Street
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Jesus Rivera, North Park

Richard Sharkey, Ashland, 61, 95th Street
Paul Sheridan, Lawndale
Michael Simmons, North Park
Melvin Sims, 103rd Street
Rubben Sims, 69th Street
Michael Smart, Agents South
John Smith, 77th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Elliott Smith, Limits
Dennis Smith, Howard/ Kimball
Pedro Soler, Archer
Frank Staszak, Archer
Ronald Sterling, Lawndale
Jose Sterrett, 69th Street
Michael Stewart, Limits
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street

Brian Thomas, Archer
Robert Thomas, North Park
James Thomas, Douglas/Congress
Edward Tierney, Agents West
Percy Timberlake, 77th Street
Johnny Trice, Limits
Willie Turner, 69th Street

Andy Vargas, Forest Glen
Mara Victores, Jefferson Park

Thelmer Walker, North Park
James White, North Park
Isaiah Williams, Jr., Kedzie
Henry Williams, Limits
Stanley Wright, Limits

Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen

Skokie Shops Painters



Skokie Shops painter **Dan Porter** applies spot primer to interior of car as it is readied for a top coat of paint and waxing.

Skokie Shops painters are using their talents cleaning up the graffiti on the 172 Pullman 'L' cars. These cars are used mainly on the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park 'L' subway route via the State street subway, and the Evanston 'L' route.

Mark Dundovich, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops, said his painters are working two shifts to clean up the mess left by graffiti vandals known as "taggers." Maintaining their present schedule, the painters should have all the cars in the

2000 series cleaned and repainted this year.

"Besides removing and repainting the marred areas of the cars, car servicers in the Howard yard are applying a special spray-on wax that prevents most graffiti paints from penetrating the new paint job on the Pullman cars," Dundovich said.

The repainting of the cars started in June with four of the painters on the first shift masking windows, seats, floors and glass areas, and some exterior

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Painter **Booker Thomas**, completes masking of conductor's window for painting and waxing.

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areas. Overseeing this part of the program was **Chuck Olcik**, paint shop foreman. **Jose Maldonado**, acting paint shop foreman, directs the work of the seven painters on the

second shift who do the interior and exterior painting as well as the restripping of the tri-color

which run the length of the cars on each side.

Dundovich said the painters are able to complete two cars a day. The program was set up by Olcik, and unit supervisor



Willis Sanders cleans the exterior lower wall of this car to remove graffiti.



Painter Ben Ramires masks portion of a Pullman series car at Skokie Shops in preparation for painting following removal of graffiti.

Frank Vukovics. Skokie Shops staffers **Donald Angell**, production supply coordinator, and **Donald Hoard**, unit supervisor, Materials Control, were instrumental in bringing materials and manpower together.

Dundovich credited **Richard Gay**, superintendent of Budget and Manpower for Rail Vehicle Maintenance, with making arrangements for getting 11 full time temporary painters on the repainting project.



Switchman **James Hawk** and Deputy Executive Director, Operations **Elonzo Hill** get an opinion from 308 president **Clarence Knox** during O'Hare visit.

Operations deputy makes field visits, hears employees

Operations Division employees are getting an opportunity to let management in on their concerns— matters which impact on the individuals who keep the CTA operating.

Elonzo Hill, deputy executive director, Operations, said he and his staff are making field work location visits to give employees an opportunity to discuss their concerns in unrestricted candid conversation. The plan is to find solutions wherever possible to issues which are sensitive to employees. Hill said the visits will be continuous in his management program.

In a joint statement to operating employees, Hill and Amalgamated Transit Union, Locals 241 and 308, presidents **Elcosie Gresham** and **Clarence Knox** said employees are encouraged to discuss issues which they feel are important to their goals, and the goals of CTA.

The trio said valid issues raised by employees will be taken seriously, and solutions which are acceptable to both management and labor will be undertaken.

The Operations deputy is usually accompanied on his field visits by a union president as well as **David T. Martin**, senior manager, Transportation Personnel.

Hill said another aim of the field location visits is to make CTA a more efficient and effective organization with management and employees working together in a common goal.

The CTA Pension office has relocated. The new address is:
Suite 2026
221 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone: (312) 444-9694

Controller runs first marathon at age 50

CTA assistant superintendent of rail communications **Harry Horn** was among the 8,500 people to participate in last October's "Chicago Old Style Marathon."

The 26.2 mile trek began at Daley Center Plaza and ended along Lake Shore Drive.

It was the first marathon for Horn who is a member of the Chicago Walkers Club. He began his walking program in 1985.

"I saw Chicago and the CTA from a different perspective during the marathon," said Horn. "Walking under the structure at five different locations, I saw some areas of Chicago which I had never seen before," he added. Horn said he had planned to train for the event, but with a very busy schedule which includes service as a non-commissioned officer in the Air Force Reserve, training for the marathon was impossible.

Horn's goal was to finish the



Harry Horn

marathon in six hours, but the effort required an additional 21 minutes. "The fact is I did finish," said Horn who plans to return this year when the annual Chicago Old Style Marathon gets underway. Horn was a recipient of the Old Style medalion for his successful completion of the walk.

Service anniversaries

November 1988

40 Years

Frank Johnson, Office Supp. Svcs.

35 Years

George Barber, Archer
Giuliano Caruso, Forest Glen Mtce.
Aaron Fairfax, Kedzie
George Grafer, Forest Glen
Ernest Hunter, 103rd Street
Wayne Lambert Jr., 69th Street
Calvin Webb, Archer Mtce.

30 Years

John Angelo, Oper., Comm. & Power
John Coleman, Rail Dist. West
Margaret Conway, Claims
Donald Johnson, Esc. Mtce.
Benjamin Morris Jr., Oper.,
Comm. & Power
Daniel O'Rourke, Conv. & Diff't'l
Ludwig Scheuerle, Rail Service
Phillip Stokes, 103rd Street

25 Years

George Crawford, 69th Street
Kenneth Edwards, 69th Street
Sylvester Horbach, Bus Service
Willie Lipsey, Bus Dist. B
Willie Mitchner, 77th Street
Frederick Shaw, 69th Street
Roosevelt Simpkins, Kedzie
Paul Spencer, Oper., Comm. & Power
Jerry Taylor, Archer
Richard Umbra, Limits
Joseph Ward Jr., North Park Mtce.
Phillip Wood, 77th Street

December

35 Years

Ozie Davis, 69th Street
Walter Lemons Jr., Office Admn.
Lester Smith, Workers Comp

30 Years

Mitsuo Ogata, Forest Glen

25 Years

Thomas Barry, Forest Glen
Albert Bastean, North Park
Robert Brown, Quality Control-Bus
Thomas Cameron, Rail Syst. Jan. Svcs.
Kenneth Chrabasz, Bus Pers.-North
Eugene Church, Forest Glen
Charles Herbert, Limits
Tyree Johnson, Claims
Vernon Knight, Gen'l Mtce.
Donald Kostecki, Howard/Kimball
Walter Lindberg, Howard/Kimball
Ronald Oclon, Elec. Mtce.-North
Dorothy Rhymes, South Section
Charles Robinson, Bus Dist. B
Kenneth Sandrik, Bus Radio Mtce.
William Stritzel, Limits

January 1989

40 Years

Robert Desvignes, Oper's Admn.
Stanley Kubicz, Forest Glen

35 Years

Watkiel Edwards, Central Bus Dist.
Thomas Warren, 77th Street
John Weber Jr., North Park
Robert Zimmerman, Forest Glen

30 Years

George Cox, Elec. Mtce.
Harvey Heide, Esc. Mtce.
Charles Kehoe, South Shops
Louie Lee, 77th Street
Edward Schwamb, Bus Pers., North
John Smith, Kedzie

25 Years

Joseph Covals, Bus Dist. C
Robert Fields, Bus Dist. C

Jonathan Harris Jr., Douglas/Congress
Fred Labern, Forest Glen
Theodore Mason, South Shops
Clarence Van Middlesworth, North Park
Charles Washington, 69th Street
James Washington, Bus Instruction
Arthur Whitfield, Forest Glen
Anthony Zajac, North Park

February

45 Years

William Ruddle, Lawndale

40 Years

Duane Reed Jr., Elect. Mtce.

35 Years

George Booker, Oper. Comm. & Power
Julius Brazil, Adm. Services
Samuel Clark Jr., 103rd/Stony
William Harris, Bus Dist. C
Richard Lane, Bus Instruction
Timothy Mulvey, 69th Street
Donald Schaffer, Forest Glen

30 Years

Frank Bailey, 77th Street
Richard Brown, 77th Street
Joseph Browne, Gen'l Mtce.
Thomas Mortell, Douglas Congress
Donald Prendergast, South Shops
Wade Simmons, Kedzie

25 Years

Herman Coleman, 69th Street
Kenneth Czachowski, Bus Pers., South
Dorothy Etscheid, Pensions
Tommie Garner, North Park
Marcel Hill, Budget & Manpower
Zeke Jagst, North Park
Gussie Jones, North Section
Mitchell Moore, 103rd/Stony
Sandy Portis Jr., Adm. Services
Roy Smith, Power & Way

CTA insurance dependent coverage is not automatic

Insurance coverage for new dependents of CTA employees is not an automatic procedure. Your dependents must be enrolled. Enrollment of new dependents is not complicated, but it must be done correctly to avoid problems at a later date when claims for the new dependents might be submitted.

To add or delete dependents, an employee must fill out a health benefits election card and submit it to the Benefit Services department in room 750 of the Merchandise Mart. Proof for all changes, such as birth certificates, marriage license/divorce decree, must also be shown when the benefit election card is submitted. The election card must be submitted to Benefit Services within 30 days of the change. Otherwise, the desired changes will be started the day the card is submitted. Actual coverage will not be effective until all documentation is provided.

CTA employees are not permitted to claim a common law spouse for CTA insurance coverage; nor are you allowed to claim children for whom you are only the legal guardian, or a child without a birth certificate, when there is no evidence of court-ordered support for the child. Likewise, parents, grandparents, brothers, or sisters may not be included for CTA insurance coverage.

Questions concerning dependent status and insurance coverage should be directed to the Benefit Services department in the Merchandise Mart on extension 3617 or 3618.

A Fond Farewell



When Claims/Law Administration director **Charles E. Marble** retired January 1, he went out in flames via a roast from his co-workers, family and friends.

The occasion also marked retirement for his wife, agent supervisor **Mary Marble**. The grand style occasion which was held at Chicago's southwest side Sabre room signaled the close of a 30-year career for Marble, and 22 years for his devoted wife.

More than 200 well wishers filled the ballroom where a sumptuous meal was served, and the evening was spent dancing to the music of the "Gentlemen of Leisure" band. Meanwhile, more than a few of Marble's friends kept the fire hot for him as the former Kedzie bus operator was thoroughly basted. Participants took the Marble family down memory lane from the retiring Claims/Law administration director's high school days in Atlanta to his community, church and career activities in Chicago.

Participants included Cook County Commissioner **Sam Vaughn**, himself a retired CTA claims representative, **John Davis**, manager of CTA's Joint Development department, **Richard (Rick) Willis**, editorial supervisor, CTA Marketing, State Senator **Howard B. Brookins**, of the 18th district, and **Danny Lawson**, president of Lawson National Bus Distributors.

Marble's brother, retired CTA schedule maker **James E. Marble**, was emcee for the evening.

Marble, a native of Atlanta, and his wife, a native of Mississippi, plan to do some traveling, but will remain in Chicago. The Marbles are the parents of a son and two daughters, and are active in the St. Sabina parish. The family resides on the city's southside.

Danny Lawson, president of Lawson National Bus Distributors, livens things up at the Sabre Room retirement roast for Claims/Law Administration Director **Charles E. Marble**. Enjoying the moment at the head table are (from left) Marble's daughters, **Spring** and **Sharon Marble**, and wife, agent supervisor **Mary Marble**, also retiring after 22 years of CTA service.



Traffic checker **Bernie Devers** (left), a 25-year CTA veteran, is the center of attention as a friend, **Claudia Cunningham**, pins a boutonniere on him.

Devers was the guest of honor at a retirement reception in the CTA board room. Others present for the event were **Norman Oswald**, director of Schedules, and **Ernest Phelps**, superintendent, Traffic Data.



Gerald Kurowski (left), director, Payroll Operations, presents **Mrs. Valaria Bowman** with a small token of appreciation from her friends and CTA co-workers upon her retirement after 45 years of CTA service. Beaming with pride is her husband, retired insurance salesman **Edward Bowman**.

Anyone who ever had a question about accumulated vacation, floaters and other holidays, leave of absence, or a variety of other matters concerning payroll will remember **Valaria Bowman**.

Mrs. Bowman, a general office control clerk in the payroll department, was always happy to oblige a fellow employee who may have had a question about such matters, and often helped set records straight when things appeared to be going awry.

On January 1, Valaria, a lady with an infectious smile, a sense of dedication, and the CTA team spirit, retired after 45 years of service.

A luncheon was held in her honor at the Merchandise Mart Plaza where some 75 people attended to wish her a fond farewell. On hand for the festive occasion were Mrs. Bowman's husband, retired insurance salesman Edward Bowman, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson. Her father has been a CTA pensioner for more than 20 years.

Master of ceremonies was **Gerald Kurowski**, director of Payroll Operations. A retirement open house for Mrs. Bowman was held in the CTA board room. Friends remembered her with a cash gift.



John Powers, associate general attorney, litigation (left), presents a plaque to retiring CTA associate attorney **John McGarry**, a CTA employee for 32 years. Present for the occasion was **Mrs. Marilyn McGarry**, the honoree's wife, and two of their grandchildren. The event was held in the CTA board room.

CTA Bus Instructor Named to Army Reserve I.G. Office

Bus instructor **Willie J. McFall**, a 15-year CTA employee, has been named assistant to the Inspector General for the 416th Engineer Command, United States Army Reserve.



McFall is a master sergeant in the Army Reserve with a combined total of 22 years active and reserve Army service.

Previous army assignments have included service as first sergeant of the 85th Division (Training), and the 416th Engineering Command, operations NCO, and personnel sergeant.

In his new assignment, Sergeant McFall will be responsible for upholding and safeguarding U.S. Army regulations and standards. He has been recommended to attend a six-week Army Inspector General course.

McFall began his CTA service as a bus operator on January 31, 1974, and was subsequently named to instruction at the Limits training center in 1981. McFall and his wife, Marilyn, a registered nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital, reside in Maywood with two of their three daughters, Heather, and Heide, and son, James. An older daughter, Juanita, is a recent Loyola University graduate now working as a clinical psychologist.

Retirements in January/February/March

Sammy Adams, Lawndale, 25 Years
 Victor T. Andrade, North Park, 16 Years
 Louis O. Barron, Kedzie, 32 Years
 Love Berry, 95th Street, 31 Years
 Wilbert L. Blakely, South Shops, 30 Years
 Thomas J. Boldt, Data Center, 27 Years
 Valeria A. Bowman, Finance, 45 Years
 Catherine T. Brady, Gen'l Atty./Law, 9 Years
 Francis L. Brady, Pers. Admn., 38 Years
 William H. Bragg, 69th Street, 32 Years
 Raymond R. Burkhardt Jr., Archer, 27 Years
 Joseph B. Chapman, Madison/Wabash, 35 Years
 Samuel Clark Jr., 103rd/Stony, 34 Years
 John F. Coleman, Jefferson Park, 30 Years
 Archie B. Davis, 69th Street, 31 Years
 Burnett D. Devers, Schedules, 25 Years
 William J. Echols, 77th Street, 28 Years
 Robert H. Evans, Skokie Shop, 5 Years
 George F. Favre, West Shops, 19 Years
 Walter F. Gibson Jr., Archer, 37 Years
 John W. Glatzel, North Park, 25 Years
 Leon Griffith Sr., South Shops, 25 Years
 Timothy Hall, Archer, 35 Years
 Virginia G. Harrer, Skokie Shop, 27 Years
 Edward J. Hennessy, South Shops, 20 Years
 Bert V. Hukill, Lawndale, 33 Years
 Raymond Jackson, Forest Glen, 28 Years
 Clifton Jones, 77th Street, 31 Years
 William F. Jones, Madison/Wabash, 37 Years
 Nathan M. Kaplan, O'Hare, 18 Years
 Donald R. Kostecki, Kimball, 25 Years
 Clinton I. Lewis, 69th Street, 31 Years
 Winmon Lewis Jr., South Shops, 33 Years
 Melvin E. Link, Training Center, 38 Years
 Jimmie Locke Jr., Archer, 25 Years
 Geraldine B. Lomas, Howard St., 17 Years
 Charles E. Marble, Gen'l Atty./Admn. Svcs., 30 Years
 John D. Masterson, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., 15 Years
 Thomas E. McCue, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 33 Years
 James W. McDonald Sr., Kedzie, 32 Years
 John B. McGarry, Gen'l Atty./Law, 32 Years
 James McGrew Jr., Archer, 32 Years

Carl McQuay, Lawndale, 36 Years
 Edward D. McSweeney, West Shops, 31 Years
 Edward A. Meskimen, South Shops, 37 Years
 William E. Miller, Lawndale, 29 Years
 Bernard Moore, West Shops, 29 Years
 William A. Moreland, Forest Glen, 25 Years
 Richard F. Morrow, 77th Street, 37 Years
 Bernard J. Murphy, Forest Glen, 29 Years
 Clinton Murray, Archer, 25 Years
 Carl E. Myers, Limits, 25 Years
 Jorge J. Negron-Cortes, Limits, 21 Years

Robert J. Oestereich, North Park, 34 Years
 Loren W. O'Rourke, Forest Glen, 29 Years
 Walter J. Piper Jr., Forest Glen, 40 Years
 Henry J. Radtke Jr., South Shops, 27 Years
 Fred B. Ridley, Gen'l Atty./Claims, 22 Years
 Lucretia A. Russell, Agent Dist., 26 Years
 Rudolf A. Schoen, West Shops, 27 Years
 Frederick D. Shaw, 69th Street, 25 Years
 Milford L. Shelton, Kedzie, 31 Years
 David Shepherd, 61st Street, 36 Years
 L. J. Simpson, Lawndale, 32 Years
 Leonard Stewart, 95th Street, 26 Years
 Louis G. Stewart, West Shops, 30 Years
 John C. Stokes, 77th Street, 10 Years
 Walter L. Street, South Shops, 22 Years
 Edward J. Superczynski, West Shops, 41 Years
 Walter J. Trofimuk, West Shops, 14 Years
 Mariano L. Urdaz, North Park, 11 Years
 Fred Venhuizen, Forest Glen, 25 Years
 Frank J. Viola, Forest Glen, 10 Years
 Willie V. Webb, Kedzie, 32 Years
 William M. Wehrmeister, North Park, 20 Years
 Lynn C. Wilkerson, North Park, 28 Years
 Herbert D. Williams, 103rd/Stony, 32 Years
 Iler J. Williams, Dist. A, 33 Years
 Mario J. Zlocchi, Skokie Shop, 36 Years

Disabilities

Jean G. Eves, Congress, 19 Years
 Stewart Hinton Jr., North Avenue, 15 Years
 Diane Hymon, South Shops, 14 Years
 Kevin W. Sparks, Congress, 14 Years
 Oliver W. Watson, 77th Street, 15 Years

February

Barry L. Brown, 63rd/Ashland, 32 Years

Edward J. Gorz, Forest Glen, 29 Years
 Ralph J. Keane, South Shops, 42 Years
 Fred Labern, Forest Glen, 25 Years
 George A. Lahori, 77th Street, 32 Years
 Mary J. Marble, Central Dist., 22 Years
 Roy W. Mohler Jr., Comm. & Power, 30 Years
 Walter D. Moore, West Shops, 25 Years
 Nathaniel Mosley, Kedzie, 31 Years
 John L. Neely, 98th Shop, 18 Years
 Maurice F. O'Connor, South Shops, 34 Years
 Donald V. Schaffer, Forest Glen, 34 Years
 John Singleton Jr., 69th Street, 31 Years
 Richard W. Umbra, Limits, 25 Years
 Minnie L. Wakefield, O'Hare, 16 Years
 Jerry West Jr., 63rd/Ashland, 35 Years

Disabilities

Albert Armstrong, Limits, 21 Years
 Deborah F. Brown, Kedzie, 10 Years
 Charles Rogers Jr., 63rd/Ashland, 21 Years
 Thomas J. Rusinak, Equip. Engr. & Mtce., 11 Years
 Joseph G. Smreczak, Forest Glen, 18 Years
 Learline S. Stewart, 69th Street, 10 Years

March

Edward H. Ahlbrand, Materials Mgmt., 29 Years
 Thomas F. Blaney, 95th Street, 29 Years
 Joseph Buscemi, West Shops, 28 Years
 Ernest Dittsworth, Forest Glen, 25 Years
 Charles Edwards, 63rd/Ashland, 38 Years
 Rosemary Kenny, Finance, 46 Years
 Donald R. Mitchell, 77th Street, 32 Years

Disabilities

James Barlow, Madison/Wabash, 10 Years
 Donald F. Cole, 69th Street, 11 Years
 Shirley Louis, Transportation, 10 Years
 Glenda D. Maxey, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., 12 Years
 Imogene Redd, West Shops, 16 Years
 Joseph G. Salvato, O'Hare, 20 Years
 David A. Steventon, West Shops, 23 Years

1989 ticket agent, bus, rail competitions get a good start

CTA's 1989 annual big three Ticket Agent TieUp, Third Rail RoundUp, and Bus Roadeo are off to a good start as John Perkins, James Zepp, and Thomas Wilson, respective chairmen of the events, have outlined their programs

Preliminary competition for

ticket agents and Third Rail RoundUp contestants was held in April. Tentative plans call for the bus roadeo preliminary competition to be held on April 9, 16, and 23.

Ticket Agent and Third Rail Roundup finalists are expected to be posted in May. The 1989 Bus Roadeo finalists will be named in

June. Although no dates have been set for either the Third Rail or Bus Roadeo final contests, Ticket agent TieUp finals are set for May 21 when a winner will be chosen.

The APTA international Bus Roadeo in which CTA will participate, will be held in Atlanta this fall.

IN MEMORIAM

George F. Brichacek, 81, Lawndale, Emp. 1/13/36, Died 1/1/89
 Richard F. Caplis, 88, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12/8/43, Died 11/5/88
 Thornton Cherry, 78, West Sect., Emp. 9/17/48, Died 1/15/89
 Claude Conley, 97, Shops & Equip., Emp. 12/8/43, Died 12/4/88
 Chester C. Cudek, 68, West Shops, Emp. 7/12/45, Died 11/26/88
 John Danloe, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2/5/30, Died 12/22/88
 Joseph Dennesaites, 79, 69th St., Emp. 1/20/43, Died 1/20/89
 Elizabeth Diamond, 85, West Sect., Emp. 7/8/46, Died 1/2/89
 A. J. DiGiovanni, 67, Mtrls. Mgmt., Emp. 1/28/48, Died 11/24/88
 Albert A. Duckett, 70, 61st St., Emp. 9/30/69, Died 1/26/89
 Stanley F. Dymon, 87, North Park, Emp. 10/4/23, Died 12/15/88
 Gerald K. Farrell, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 2/10/47, Died 1/2/89
 David A. Fisher, 73, Security, Emp. 11/18/57, Died 1/9/89
 Patrick Flatley, 85, North Sect., Emp. 9/11/29, Died 12/4/88
 Louis Fucarino, 81, Track, Emp. 2/20/29, Died 1/26/89
 Harry L. Grant, 75, 77th St., Emp. 12/12/40, Died 1/29/89
 Gerald A. Griffin, 85, Elect., Emp. 10/10/18, Died 1/7/89
 Paul Gunther, 87, North Park, Emp. 8/24/23, Died 11/15/88
 Anton A. Halek, 88, North Avenue, Emp. 3/20/29, Died 1/28/89
 Ellen J. Hampton, 93, 61st Street, Emp. 11/19/28, Died 12/7/88
 Joseph J. Hartl, 59, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., Emp. 2/24/59, Died 12/25/88
 William M. Hass, 72, North Park, Emp. 5/4/67, Died 1/13/89
 Dorothy Hatchett, 54, Control Center, Emp. 2/2/57, Died 11/24/88
 Douglas M. Healy, 78, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 2/9/51, Died 11/16/88
 Dorothy E. Holland, 69, Safety Assur., Emp. 3/25/74, Died 11/15/88
 Clifford L. Howard, 66, Madison/Wabash, Emp. 9/24/47, Died 12/29/88
 Richard E. Jennings, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 7/22/46, Died 12/14/88
 Lowry L. Johnson, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 9/19/23, Died 12/8/88
 Anton J. Kalata Sr., 79, Archer, Emp. 1/11/43, Died 12/29/88
 Eugene C. Kennard, 61, 77th Street, Emp. 2/6/48, Died 12/3/88
 Nick Kochopolus, 63, South Shops, Emp. 9/30/46, Died 1/6/89
 George M. Larson, 82, Skokie Shop, Emp. 7/17/46, Died 1/17/89

Chester Laskowski, 78, Engr., Emp. 6/18/36, Died 1/14/89
 Kathryn C. Leahy, 82, West Sect., Emp. 10/4/41, Died 5/23/88
 Carl Liljehorn, 81, Forest Glen, Emp. 1/17/33, Died 11/18/88
 Walter A. Loftlin, 73, 61st St., Emp. 7/1/80, Died 12/26/88
 John Lukac, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3/6/23, Died 12/10/88
 Stanley Marszalek, 92, Lawndale, Emp. 1/14/20, Died 1/21/89
 John J. McCarthy, 75, Transp., Emp. 6/24/36, Died 12/28/88
 Arthur McDermott, 80, Elect., Emp. 8/23/35, Died 1/1/89
 Anna M. McNichols, 85, West Sect., Emp. 4/13/40, Died 12/15/88
 David E. McGowan, 79, 69th St., Emp. 3/24/41, Died 1/6/89
 Frank M. Mendyk, 75, Transp., Emp. 7/12/43, Died 11/26/88
 Ora Miller, 68, Madison/Wabash, Emp. 2/20/61, Died 1/3/89
 Maynard J. Moran, 80, Transp., Emp. 3/13/34, Died 1/24/89
 Thomas Mullin, 75, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 3/6/47, Died 12/26/88
 Eileen J. Neurauder, 71, Public Affairs, Emp. 10/12/43, Died 11/28/88
 Stanley Niedoaldo, 86, Shops & Equip., Emp. 9/2/42, Died 1/6/89
 Robert H. Nord, 71, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 2/24/47, Died 12/28/88
 Thomas B. O'Connor, 80, Executive, Emp. 1/14/36, Died 1/23/89
 Vito L. Palumbo, 65, West Shops, Emp. 5/29/46, Died 1/12/89
 Bernard E. Pearson, 77, North Sect., Emp. 8/21/41, Died 12/30/88
 Joseph B. Pellikan, 99, North Avenue, Emp. 8/22/41, Died 1/22/89
 Leonard T. Penny, 85, Dist. D, Emp. 11/29/27, Died 12/29/88
 Valerie Pfannkuche, 79, West Sect., Emp. 5/7/60, Died 12/9/88
 D. F. Powell Sr., 59, Storeroom 30, Emp. 8/10/53, Died 11/12/88
 Joseph P. Quick, 89, Wilson Shop, Emp. 3/13/23, Died 1/26/89
 Paul W. Reid, 77, Archer, Emp. 8/18/37, Died 12/21/88
 Dorothy M. Richter, 86, West Sect., Emp. 7/10/28, Died 12/24/88
 Gladys E. Ruediger, 77, West Sect., Emp. 7/16/69, Died 11/28/88
 Joseph S. Ruzich, 84, Engineering, Emp. 6/12/24, Died 12/16/88
 Earl M. St. Pierre, 83, Kedzie, Emp. 4/22/27, Died 12/16/88
 James Sankey, 57, Beverly, Emp. 12/6/57, Died 1/17/89
 Matt Sarich, 87, Archer, Emp. 5/17/28, Died 12/27/88

Joseph S. Simel, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 5/10/42, Died 12/26/88
 Richard A. Sommers, 79, Beverly, Emp. 11/30/36, Died 12/21/88
 Stanley C. Soparas, 74, Dist. B, Emp. 12/9/57, Died 12/6/88
 Frank Strasser, 97, Shops & Equip., Emp. 4/30/47, Died 12/3/88
 Robert C. Thomas, 62, Control Center, Emp. 4/9/62, Died 11/15/88
 J. W. Tiefenbach, 86, Keeler, Emp. 5/25/26, Died 1/3/88
 M. VanDerhaeghen, 82, North Sect., Emp. 1/5/29, Died 1/21/89
 W. R. Vandervest, 73, Veh. Mtce., Emp. 4/23/47, Died 1/17/89
 Harold W. VonLepke, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 9/8/36, Died 1/9/89
 Walter F. Wantroba, 72, 69th St., Emp. 3/17/43, Died 1/2/89
 Edward J. Whiting, 67, Fac. Eng. & Mtce., Emp. 8/1/45, Died 11/25/88
 Roy E. Williamson, 73, North Park, Emp. 3/29/54, Died 11/22/88
 William T. Yeatman, 79, 69th Street, Emp. 12/11/40, Died 11/23/88
 Burl B. Yeoman, 91, Archer, Emp. 5/11/26, Died 1/16/89
 Frank A. Zemaits, 76, Beverly, Emp. 1/6/43, Died 11/23/88



Thomas B. O'Connor, 80, former CTA general manager, died January 26 at Americana Health Center in southwest suburban Oak Lawn.

Mr. O'Connor assumed the transit authority's chief management position in 1964, and was CTA's top executive officer until his retirement in 1973.

He began his transit career as a student engineer in 1935 with CTA's predecessor, the Chicago Surface Lines, where he gained experiences from streetcar motorman and depot clerk to traffic planner and schedule-maker.

The former general manager was buried at Holy Sepulchre cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

CTA Poster Night

Patti Hoyle Heavens, CTA Police community representative, was the Chicago Bull's honorary "ball person" on CTA Poster Night recently. It was a banner night for CTA Bulls fans as the home team defeated the feisty Washington Bullets 117-106 before a standing room only crowd. The occasion marked the Bulls' 57th consecutive sellout.



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Johnny, the 20-month old tot who helped launch a new outlet for child adoption last summer with CTA's Company Kid program, has charmed his way into the hearts of new parents...Story on page 2.

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Kids awaiting adoption listed in CTA library

It was a year ago that a 20-month old boy named Johnny, dressed in a blue and white shirt and short pants, and a sailor's cap, stole the hearts of CTA employees, the press, the mayor and other city officials, and everybody who met this tiny ward of the State of Illinois.

Johnny came to CTA on June 7, 1988 to help launch a new outlet for child adoption called the Company Kid Program. Today, Johnny himself has an adoptive family.

CTA was one of 38 "corporate partners" recognized by Governor James Thompson at a May 4 breakfast for offering adoption benefits to their employees or promoting adoption.

Mrs. Gloria Chevere, senior deputy executive director, Administration, who attended the Quaker Oats sponsored breakfast, received an "Honor Roll" certificate on behalf of CTA. Upon acceptance Mrs. Chevere said, "We think the transit cards that were installed on our buses and trains said it all. We'll reach out to every couple who would still love a child. To every empty nest-er who still feels they have more love to give, and to every single person who would like to double the meaning of their life."

CTA became the first Company Kid partner last June. Due to the unique ability of CTA to reach millions of people interested in adoption, the authority agreed to actively promote adoption by placing advertising throughout the system, and by spreading information to CTA employees. The program

started with a press conference to focus attention upon the need and desirability for adoption of waiting children.

Johnny was only a year old when the Adoption Center of Illinois was given his picture and description and asked to find a family for him. At last summer's press announcing CTA's participation in the Company Kid Program, Johnny was the star of the moment. He helped

place the first informational car card on a bus, and eventually all 3,300 CTA buses and trains displayed these cards. Adoption information was also displayed on CTA Metrovision TV monitors at the 15 busiest rail stations.

Marilyn Panichi of the Adoption Information Center, noting that Johnny's story has a happy ending, said, "Johnny now has a mom and dad, but for hundreds of children in Illinois who live in foster homes, group homes, or residential centers, the wait continues."

CTA employees wishing more information on children waiting for adoption and the adoption process may see the listing of children including photos at the CTA library in the Merchandise Mart. Other informational brochures are on hand in the Promotions section of CTA Marketing.

Employees may also write or call the Adoption Information Center of Illinois at 201 North Wells Street, Suite 1342, telephone 346-1516, or toll free 1-800-572-2390. The Adoption Information Center of Illinois is open daily from 8:30 am until 5 pm.

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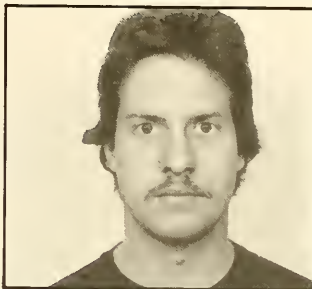
Gordon Johnson, director, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, presents an "Honor Roll" certificate to Mrs. Gloria Chevere, senior deputy director, Administration, for the role CTA assumed in support of the Company Kid Program.

CTA Skokie Machinist joins Morton College curriculum panel

When Morton College began an occupational analysis of its Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technology program, among its consultants was alumnus **Dale B. Jones**, a machinist with CTA Equipment engineering and Maintenance in Rail Shops. Jones installs and services rapid transit car air conditioners.

Morton called on a panel of local heating, ventilation, and air conditioning experts who created a small group forum for a "Developing A Curriculum" (DACUM) workshop.

The purpose of the panel was to create a job description by defining on-the-job competencies of a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technician.



CTA machinist Dale B. Jones is a consultant to Morton College's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology program. Jones used his expertise to help the college create a DACUM workshop.

Based on the panel's information, the college expects to create a curriculum which will include courses and activities to adequately prepare Morton's students for the job market.

The final product of the recent two-day session at Morton College could become a competency-based curriculum model throughout the State of Illinois, and will be sent to a national data base for nationwide distribution. Jones, who joined CTA in 1983, earned a Morton college certificate of training last year in the college's Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology program where he maintained a 4.0 grade point average in the 30-hour program.

Employees join

WalkAmerica

More than a few CTA employees showed up for work Monday, May 1 with tell tale signs of physical abuse for Sunday's 19th annual March of Dimes' WalkAmerica, a nationwide fund raising event to fight birth defects.

The March of Dimes received \$1.376

million in pledges, somewhat exceeding its \$1.3 million 1989 goal, but the accomplishment was not without the help of 55 dedicated CTA employees from management and professional to operations personnel. It was the third annual WalkAmerica participation for CTA.

CTA Marketing representative **Michael Taylor**, CTA's WalkAmerica coordinator, said volunteers arrived at Grant Park by 7am where they registered aboard the CTA Information bus. The walkers left the park for Foster Avenue, mid-point of the hike, and then returned to Grant Park where the trek of 30 kilometers ended.

As coordinator, Taylor was assisted by **Ellis Kendricks** of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise staff, **Sharon Williams**, Management Services, and Mrs. **Joyce Shaw**, Marketing.

Box lunches were provided by the Marketing department, and veteran photographer **Julius Brazil** roasted hot dogs for the CTA team. The March of Dimes organization provided each hiker with painters caps which promoted the event. CTA team members also received caps and T-shirts embossed with the CTA logo.



CTA employees made strides Sunday, April 30 from Grant Park to Foster Avenue in the 19th annual March of Dimes' WalkAmerica, the nationwide fund raising effort to fight birth defects. It was CTA's third consecutive participation.

DAY IN cta

Honor 11 employees

Since January, 11 Operations personnel have been selected for Day in CTA recognition as a result of distinguishing themselves with exceptional job performance beyond their job requirements.

The January honorees were: **Johnny Brown**, bus operator, Kedzie garage; **Robert Curley**, switchman from Howard terminal; ticket agent **Bryant Smith**, Ashland terminal, and conductor **Eugene Motyka** of O'Hare terminal. Named Day in CTA honorees in February were: bus operator **Charles Welch** of 77th street, combined rail operator **Elidania Martinez** of Howard terminal, and **Clyde Harden**, yard foreman at 95th terminal.

Selected for honors in March were: bus operator **Jerry Garcia**, Archer garage; rail conductor **Philip Buscemi**, Howard terminal, **Ana Stoika**, combined rail operator, Congress terminal, and **Gordon Butler**, ticket agent, Ashland terminal.

The honorees saw "Once Upon a Timetable," a 20-minute historical film on public transportation in Chicago from the early 1900s to the present day. They were also treated to lunch at the Merchandise Mart M & M Club, given a tour of the control center and presented with certificates of special recognition.

Day in CTA honorees for January display the special recognition certificates presented them after a day of briefings by CTA management. The group includes (from left) **Johnny Brown**, Kedzie garage; **Lino Alcaraz**, manager, Communications/Power Control; **Robert Curley**, Howard terminal; **Thomas Anderson**, program coordinator; **Bryant Smith**, Ashland terminal, and **Eugene Motyka**, O'Hare terminal.



Certificates of special recognition were presented to March honorees in the control center. They are (from left) **Jerry Garcia**, Archer garage; **Philip Buscemi**, Howard terminal; Program Coordinator **Thomas Anderson**, **Ana Stoika**, Congress terminal, and **Gordon Butler**, Ashland terminal.



Ready for lunch after a morning filled with briefings, this trio of February honorees and their hosts dined at the M&M Club. They are (seated from left) **Charles Welch**, 77th Street; **Elidania Martinez**, Howard terminal, and **Clyde Harden**, 95th Street terminal. Hosts are (standing from left) **Mike LaVelle**, senior manager, Transportation Services; **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations, and **Edward Mitchell**, manager, Support Services.



Maintenance is ready for '89 bus roдео

Winners of the June 10-11 CTA Bus Maintenance Rodeo will represent the Authority in the 1989 International Bus Maintenance Rodeo to be held at Dallas in October.

Contestants in this year's local event will be tasked as teams and must take a safety and mechanical quiz. They will also troubleshoot 18 defects and will be required to report them within seven minutes.

Seven power train defects which must be located and corrected within 10 minutes is also a part of the test. Meanwhile, the designated driver of each team will take to the driving course for testing on 10 different skills from serpentine and rear dual clearance to the wash rack and a judgment stop.

Members of the first place trio will have the honor of representing CTA in the APTA contest, and will be accompanied by guests of their choice with all expenses borne by the transit authority. Members of the second place team will each receive a \$300 savings bond and a \$150 gift certificate. A \$150 savings bond, and \$75 gift certificate will be awarded to third place team members. Fourth and fifth place finishers will each receive \$50 gift certificates.

The first APTA International Bus Maintenance Rodeo was held last September when APTA convened in Washington. CTA was represented in that contest by Kedzie maintenance clerk **Thomas Smith**, and bus repairmen **John Murphy** and **Philip Murnane** of Support Services. The three spent five days in the nation's capital with their guests.

Second place honors in the 1988 competition were awarded to Maintenance foreman **Roy Reed**, and repairmen **Andrew Durity** and **Jerry William** of 77th street. North Park maintenance garage assistant foreman **Richard Swanson** who was subsequently promoted to unit supervisor, repairmen **John Kochopolus**, and **John Dzul**, and bus servicer **Robert Kaese** of Forest Glen were fourth prize recipients.

Finishing fifth place in the '88 competition were repairmen **Martin Paczkowski**, **Mark Bonk**, and **David Maynard** of the Campaign area.

The bus maintenance rodeo is conducted simultaneously with Transportation's bus rodeo, and always includes the driving obstacle course, bus inspection and a safety and mechanical quiz. The written test is administered to judge



1988's top team in the Bus Maintenance Rodeo represented CTA in the first APTA International Bus Maintenance Rodeo in Washington. They are (from left) clerk **Tom Smith** and repairmen **John Murphy** and **Philip Murnane**.

the team's knowledge of rules and regulations of safety, equipment, tools and mechanical information.

Michael Hennessy, acting superintendent at the 103rd Street maintenance garage, and bus maintenance rodeo chairman, received special APTA recognition for his tireless contribution to the transit organization's first international bus maintenance rodeo last year.

A letter signed by APTA Technology Director **John J. Schiavone**, which accompanied a plaque to Hennessy said,

"We at APTA applaud your efforts to recognize the backbone of the transit industry---the maintenance personnel. The correspondence went on to say that the plaque was an expression of APTA's Bus Equipment and Maintenance Committee activities. Hennessy is a member of the APTA Bus Maintenance Rodeo subcommittee which put the competition together.

Public Safety awards presented

Douglas Park terminal received its second consecutive public safety award in the first quarter of 1989, its 16th since 1961 when the public safety contest began.

Meanwhile, North Park garage was presented with its fourth public safety award, its first since the first quarter of 1979. The garage had 34 accident-free days during the first quarter of 1989.

Thanks for



Andrew Ford (No. 41 Elston/Clybourn, Forest Glen garage) was called "a very thoughtful person" by Vilva Robinson, of East End Avenue. "He will wait if he sees you running for the bus. He always tells older or handicapped people to take their time getting on or off. He is never too busy to give passengers directions. He is very courteous, has a smile for his passengers, and tells them to be careful getting on and off."



Maria Agnew (No. 155 Devon, North Park garage) was appreciated by Vicke Tamoush, of Ardmore Avenue, "She announced the stops as we approached them, so you knew in advance which stop was next. She was careful in her driving, and courteous to all her passengers. Even when other drivers pulled out in front of her or tried to cut her off, she handled the bus with real expertise, and was calm and professional."



Michael Haywood (No. 53A South Pulaski, Archer garage) was praised by Clinton Allen, who works for the city on Peshtigo Court. "He noticed that I was having great difficulty reading his bus sign. He then called to me and said what direction he was going. The few words he spoke may seem unimportant; however, he enabled me to arrive at work on time as well as to maintain my dignity despite my visual handicap."



Joseph Smith (No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express, Limits garage) was thanked by LaVanche O'Rielly, of Wank Avenue. "He gave me explicit directions, called out the name of the street I wanted, and told me which bus to transfer to---all in a most courteous manner, and with no condescension because of my age. He was a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. CTA is indeed fortunate to have such an employee."

Employees who received

Sherman Adams, 103rd Street
Louis Adams, Kedzie
Jimmy Arnold, Limits

LaForce Baker, Limits
Vernon Barney, Limits
Adonis Berrios, Forest Glen
Rhonda Berry, Limits
Alvin Bond, Lawndale
Kenneth Brown, 77th Street
Bobby Brown, North Park
Chester Buchanan, North Park
Leonard Burns, Revenue Accounting
Sylvester Bush, Kedzie
Medrick Bussie, Lawndale

Sam Cacitolo, Forest Glen
Eudes Calderon, Jr., North Park
Ruben Calle, North Park
Ben Carter, Limits
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Thomas Christian, Bus District D
Albert Clark, 69th Street
Rafael Colon, North Park
Frank Connolly, North Park
Juan Cuza, North Park

Leon Davis, North Park
Lawrence Davis, North Park

Arthur Davis, Forest Glen
Irwin Davis, Howard-Kimball
Wayne Delgado, 77th Street
Robert Devitt, Forest Glen
Julio Diaz, Rail District West
Richard Doeblar, North Park
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

Scherron Edwards, 69th Street
Exeline Elliot, North Park
Ophelia Ellis, North Park
Virbie Evans, Forest Glen

Eddie Figueroa, North Park
Hubert Fincher, North Park
William Finley, Jr., Kedzie
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Howard Flowers, Limits
Lonnie Ford, 69th Street
Lols Fuqua, 103rd Street

Jennifer Gant, Jefferson Park
Angela Grady, 69th Street
Herman Grady, Archer
Odell Granger, Forest Glen
Elizabeth Gwin, North Park

Walter Hampton, 103rd Street
George Hampton, 103rd Street

James Handy, North Park
Robert Harris, Jr., Agents South
Chester Hendrix, 77th Street
Mary Hill, 77th Street
Mark Hislop, 103rd Street
Thomas Houston, 69th Street
Charles Howard, Kedzie
Jonathan Hulon, North Park

John Isaac, North Park

Waymon Jeffrey, 103rd Street
Mary Jerry, 77th Street
Ducloux Johnson, 77th Street
Andre Johnson, 77th Street
John Johnson, 77th Street
Odean Johnson, 69th Street
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
George Johnson, Limits
Edith Johnson, Agents South
Amy Johnson Young, 69th Street

Walter Kenerson, 103rd Street
Charles Kinnard, 103rd Street

making their day!



Kenneth Brown (No. 3 King Drive, 77th Street garage) was the operator of a crowded bus ridden by Terrence Pettiford, of South Michigan Avenue. "Some people got on and were very rude to the driver and others around him. Older citizens got on requiring assistance and directions, and there were others who were trying to aggravate him. But he handled the situation professionally, and was very nice under the circumstances."



Albert White, Jr. (No. 51 51st, Archer garage) "makes each passenger welcome," according to Marilyn Gaudry, of South Campbell Avenue. "I have found him punctual and very concerned about his passengers' comfort. He knows his route, and makes every effort to avoid the potholes, etc., and provide a smooth ride. He also remembers regular riders, and makes a quick check to see that no one misses his bus just by 'a hair.'"



Javier Delarosa (No. 92 Foster, North Park garage) is regarded as "one of the CTA's finest drivers" by Bonnie Baker, who works on East Jackson Boulevard. "Every morning I am greeted with a pleasant smile and a cheery 'Good morning!' As I alight, I am wished a pleasant day. As to his driving, I truly feel I am riding with a professional. He takes to heart his responsibility for his vehicle and passengers."



James Fitzgerald (No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express, Limits garage) was commended by Nathaniel Snow, of North Lake Shore Drive. "He was thoroughly professional. He drove at appropriate speeds, announced street names prior to arrival, and made all starts and stops with moderate acceleration and deceleration. He was also a model of courtesy, greeting each passenger with a smile and thanking us for patronizing the CTA."

commendations since our last listing

Cesar Lam, Forest Glen
Della Lee, North Park
Robert Lee, Jefferson Park
Ricardo Lelva, Forest Glen
Ollie Lenoir, Jr., Central Counting Ops
John Lewis, Douglas-Congress
Robert Lucas, Lawndale

Alfred Mann, Forest Park
Louis Maravilla, 103rd Street
Adolph Marth, Forest Glen
Kenneth Martin, Kedzie
Robert Martinez, North Park
Geraldine Mason, Limits
Robert Matthews, Lawndale
Hue Maxwell, 103rd Street
Peggy McChriston, Archer
Elsa McCrory, DBE Prog./Contract Comp.
Willie McFarland, Kedzie
Tyrone McFolling, 103rd Street
Jerry McKinney, Jr., 69th Street
Frederick Mead, Jefferson Park
James Merritt, Archer
Susan Miller, 77th Street
Edward Moore, Lawndale
Guillford Moore, Rail System Janitor Service
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Edgar Moya, Forest Glen
Carolyn Nabors, 103rd Street

Peter Norfleet, Jr., 77th Street
Luis Nunez, North Park

Richard Olson, Jr., Forest Glen

John Parker, Lawndale
Meldon Patton, Wilson Maintenance
Melvin Payne, 77th Street
Jose Pereda, Limits

Billy Ragsdale, 103rd Street
Oswald Ramsay, Sr., North Park
Johnnie Readus, 77th Street
Gloria Richmond, Archer
Anthony Rivera, Forest Glen
Harold Robinson, Consumer Affairs
Ramon Rodriguez, North Park
James Rubio, Archer

Janet Sams, North Park
Robert Setnick, Elec. Maint., West Shops
Leobardo Sifuentes, Archer
Barnett Simmons, 69th Street
Rubben Sims, 69th Street
Peggy Smith, Archer
Robert Smith, Kedzie
Dennis Smith, Howard-Kimball
Frank Staszak, Archer
Edward Sullivan, 69th Street

Maurice Sutton, 77th Street
Valentino Sykes, Agents South

Joseph Taylor, North Park
Patricia Thomas, North Park
Orlando Torres, Kedzie
Ina Tuff, Central Bus District

Clarence Vanmiddlesworth, North Park

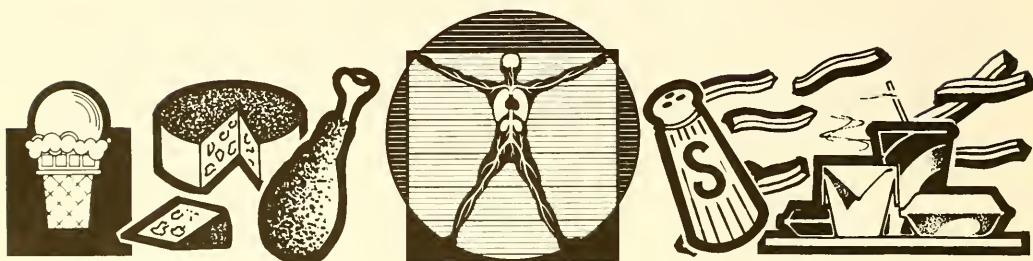
Frances Walker, North Park
Merle Ward, Agents North
Darold Wardlow, Limits
Elizabeth Washington, 77th Street
Eckie Washington, 77th Street
Stanley Watson, Forest Glen
Myron Webb, 77th Street
Constance Wiley, 77th Street
Ronald Williams, Kedzie
Lester Williams, North Park
Woodrow Williams, Forest Glen
Elton Williams, Howard-Kimball

Janie Yarbrough, Kedzie
Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen
Jacques Yezeguelian, Forest Glen
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Denice Zillender, 69th Street

Keeping cholesterol in check improves odds on good health

by Buzz Alpert & Rick Willis



"If I had known I would live this long I would have taken better care of myself." That is a comment so often heard in these high tech days of increased life expectancy as more Americans are challenging the actuarial odds. Its much like the old cliché about closing the barn doors after the horse has gotten out.

Our fast-paced society seems geared to chasing the buck and keeping up with the Joneses, yet we are leaving the proverbial barn door open by neglecting our health, the one aspect which ultimately determines the quality of our lives.

Lately there has been much serious discussion in the medical community about the danger of elevated cholesterol levels. Although this odorless, white powdery substance cannot be tasted or seen in the foods we eat, it is found in all foods of animal origin, and is part of every animal cell.

The human body uses cholesterol to make essential body substances such as cell walls and hormones, and a variety of other functions. Even if one did not eat any cholesterol producing foods, the liver would manufacture enough cholesterol for the body's needs. Therefore, a continuous consumption of fatty foods causes an excessive production of the substance into the blood stream.

Recently, St. Francis Hospital and Health Center of Blue Island set up shop in CTA's board room where 250 employees had their blood cholesterol levels checked. More than a few were surprised at the results and went away vowing to make some dietary changes.

A desirable blood cholesterol level is 120-200 milligrams. There is good reason to be concerned about cholesterol levels which are higher. The blood cholesterol level is one of the three most controllable risk factors of coronary heart disease, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The other two controllable factors are hypertension, better known as high blood pressure, and cigarette smoking. Any one of these factors increases an individual's chances of developing heart disease, and all three together greatly increases the heart disease risk possibly by a factor of 10 or more, the report says.

If your cholesterol has blown the barn door it isn't too late to corral it with some sensible eating habits. Lowering cholesterol does not mean suffering of deprivation through some insane diet. Neither does it mean fasting or painful encounters of abstinence from the things you enjoy eating, but it does mean moderation.

Its a good idea to save the cholesterol raising foods that you love to eat for

special occasions, and eat them as treats. When you do eat such foods you should eat them slowly to savor the taste and relish the experience rather than eating as though you were being timed for the next course.

Make it a practice to eat to live rather than living to eat. Long life is much more enjoyable when one is healthy since good health enhances the quality of life. Avoiding heart disease can certainly add to the quality of your life.

Here are some quick tips to dietary changes that are relatively easy to follow:

Use spices and herbs instead of fats for flavoring. Eat beef with minimal marbling of fat, and trim all excess of fat.

- Poultry should be eaten without the skin. Avoid frying chicken, but try it baked or broiled. When eating toast spread it with jam rather than butter.
- Mustard is a good substitute for mayonnaise.
- Low fat cottage cheese, low fat yogurt and non-fat yogurt can replace toppings on baked potatoes and other foods.
- Add spices and herbs to plain yogurt and see what culinary surprises you discover for a healthy, creamy and delicious salad dressing.

- Avoid fried foods whenever possible and limit your intake of red meat. Delicacies such as chocolate cake, ice cream, fancy pies, etc. should be left for special occasions, or at best eaten with cautious moderation.

Rich in cholesterol

These foods are rich in saturated fats and produce high levels of cholesterol in the blood stream: Organ meats, butter, cream, lard, vegetable oils such as cottonseed, palm, palm kernel and coconut. Sausages and cold cuts should be avoided or eaten in moderation as well as cream cheese, although there is a low fat variety of cream cheese. Leave the hard cheeses in the freezer and limit your egg yolk intake. You may try substituting two egg whites for one egg when baking. All foods with hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils are rich in saturated fats and should be avoided. **Be sure to read the labels when you shop.**

Low in cholesterol

Whole grains such as oats, barley, and dried peas and beans should be eaten in a natural form, but nuts should be eaten without salt or oils added. You should remember, however, that macadamia nuts are extremely high in fats.

Low fat and skim milk, and other low fat dairy products are low in cholesterol as is fish, especially whitefish. Avoid butter sauces and eat shellfish in moderation for the latter are cholesterol producing.

Fruits and vegetables are ideal, especially leafy types. Carrots are a must, and for the brave who can handle it, **garlic** cuts cholesterol. Olive, peanut and polyunsaturated oils such as corn and safflower oil are excellent but the latter two become a saturated fat when used under high temperature as in frying.

Some avid joggers are of the opinion that such rigorous exercise will allow them to eat whatever they wish in-

cluding fast foods of the hamburger and french fries variety, but medical evidence does not support this theory. Exercise does elevate HDL, the "good cholesterol," or high density lipoprotein which contains the greatest amount of protein. HDL's are believed to take cholesterol away from cells and transport it back to the liver for processing or removal.

Researchers have noted that persons with higher levels of HDLs have less heart disease. Scientific studies seem to indicate that women generally have higher levels of HDL than men which may explain why they experience fewer heart attacks.

A final thought on diet---It is best to consult a recognized dietician who can customize a program for your dietary nutritional needs. Remember, when you eat right you generally feel right. When you feel right your whole attitude is better and you can deal with life's trials with a steadier hand. Good health.

Manager of Media Relations William Baxa, and his daughter, Margaret, a staff assistant in the executive director's office, are signed up for cholesterol screening by a health service staff worker as other CTA employees wait in line to give blood samples. The screening was offered by St. Francis Hospital Blue Island.





Insuring the right-of-way is street traffic's forte

As CTA buses roll along Chicago streets the patrons waiting at stops along the way are unaware of behind the scenes roles CTA Street Traffic/Graphics personnel play to provide Chicagoans with public transportation.

The safe and efficient operation of CTA's rolling stock is the result of much more than an operator behind the wheel of a bus sticking to a schedule along a particular route. It is the result of cooperation between many CTA departments such as Street Traffic/Graphics.

Street Traffic/Graphics, located in the CTA's Merchandise Mart offices, is part of the Operations Planning department. Its staff includes traffic planners, graphic designers, transit technicians, and a draftsman.

Director Robert Grady who started his transit career 17 years ago as a bus operator, says whenever there is activity on Chicago's streets that could impact on the operation of CTA buses, Street Traffic is sure to be involved.

A primary function of Street Traffic/Graphics is to insure that there is a public right-of-way in suitable condition for the safe and efficient operation of buses, a job that requires its staff to be knowledgeable of traffic operations, and to know the city's streets.

Grady notes that Street Traffic/Graphics handles the authority's

RIDER ALERT RIDER ALERT

Ravenswood Sunday Riders

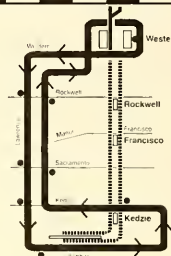
Due to a Track Renewal Project, on Sundays October 23, 1988 and October 30, 1988, from 5 am until 8 pm the Ravenswood Branch between Kimball and Western Avenue stations will be out of service.

A Shuttle Bus will be provided between Kimball and Western making stops on Lawrence at Kedzie, Sacramento and Rockwell.

No transfer will be required to change from 'L' to Shuttle Bus or Shuttle Bus to 'L'.

We regret any inconvenience

Shuttle Bus
(Bus Stops)



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A Rider Alert published by Street Traffic/Graphics, provides detailed information about a temporary rail service change affecting riders on the Ravenswood branch due to a track renewal project.

short range bus planning including traffic engineering functions such as designing routes around construction sites, bridge outages, parades, neighborhood festivals and similar special events.

Keeping the public informed about transit routes especially where service changes are concerned, is a key responsibility of this department. Thus, erecting bus stop signs and keeping some 12,000 of them up to date is an ongoing project. Likewise, pavement markings, exterior roadway signs for CTA property, park and ride facilities, and the CTA passenger shelter program

are all on-going responsibilities for this dedicated staff.

Street traffic personnel negotiate on behalf of the authority with city departments such as Public Works and other agencies for CTA to operate buses on city streets, re-route service, or devise temporary routes to accommodate construction, street repairs, or emergencies.

Graphics personnel design the destination signs for more than 130 bus routes, and 11 rail routes as well as yard signs, rail station, and right-of-way signs. They also provide platform drawings and yard layouts and give input to architectural, signal and track sections of engineering and transportation concerning signs and platform safety stripes.

Street traffic/graphics maintains the proper user flow through rapid transit stations, a skill which Grady says is not easily taught. "Our purpose is to make the flow continuous. We don't want people to have to stop to read signs. Our station graphics are designed to guide passengers into, through and out of the system," Grady said.

Like the sand so necessary to a concrete mix, the people in Street Traffic/Graphics are key elements to meeting the transportation needs of Chicagoans. Overall, the staff is not readily recognizable, but without them nothing would hold together.



Bus stop signs and passenger shelters such as shown here along the 33-Magnificent Mile route are on-going responsibilities of Street Traffic.

Two CTA Attorneys Join Chicago Lyric Opera

Live long enough and maybe one day you will realize your wildest dream--perhaps a fantasy "they" said would never happen.

CTA attorney **Marvin Luckman** had such an experience recently when he and CTA co-worker, attorney **Jack Richards**, were selected as Chicago

for the Egyptian king in Verdi's **Aida**, said to be "the grandest opera of them all." His friend Richards who also put in a bid as a supernumerary with Luckman's encouragement, was picked to be a soldier in the giant Aida cast.

The popular Verdi opera is the legendary romantic story of enslaved Ethio-

money," said Luckman. "We did it because it was fun to do."

Both attorneys had to be at the opera house very early before each show just to have their makeup applied, especially Luckman whose makeup was a little more involved and therefore took a little more time.

Although participating in an operatic performance may not necessarily have been a life long dream for Marvin Luckman, he has been an opera enthusiast since before his high school days. As a youth he attended the opera whenever he had the opportunity, and he developed a great appreciation for the classical arts.

Today, the Chicago Lyric Opera is not only a source of great classical entertainment for Luckman and his wife Peggy, but it is also a favorite charity for Luckman, a CTA attorney for 25 years.

Jack Richards---well, it was a lark and he liked it. "Force of Destiny" was Luckman's first opera performance, but Aida was the first for Richards, and he thinks he'll do it again because it was enjoyable.



The makeup artist applies a facial base to Marv Luckman for the first step of preparation for an evening show.

Lyric Opera supernumeraries. So what's a super whatchamacallit, you're wondering? Well, it's a highbrow word for "extra," someone with a non-speaking part, or in this case a non-singing part like so many extras you see in the movies.

No big deal, you say! If devoting evening after evening and weekend after weekend to rehearsals, costume fitting, and body makeup which often takes hours, learning the story line, and knowing your cue is old hat to you, then it probably isn't a big deal. However, when Luckman saw an opportunity to be a part of the Lyric Opera, he jumped at the chance.

Thanks to a friend who put Luckman in touch with the opera's staff as preparation was underway for the Lyric's 34th season in Chicago, Luckman was cast as a throne bearer

pian Princess Aida, who falls in love with Radames, commander of the Egyptian forces waging war against Aida's native Ethiopia. Ultimately she chose to be entombed alive with Radames rather than be separated from him.

One of the most memorable moments in the story for the two attorneys was the triumphal scene in Act II when the crowd praises the Egyptian king and gives thanks for victory over the Ethiopians, and the victorious troops appear. Luckman recalls that there were more than 250 people on stage in that scene...very impressive.

Luckman and Richards appeared in 10 performances of Aida before a grand audience of 35,000 people. They were each paid \$10 per show---a mere \$100 which they donated back to the opera company. "We didn't do it for the



Luckman idles time with ballerina dancers waiting back stage as the dancers wait to make their entrance before a packed Chicago Lyric Opera house.

New general attorney appointed by board

William H. Farley, Jr., former first assistant corporation counsel for the City of Chicago, and member of McDermott, Will and Emery Law firm, has been appointed as CTA's general attorney.

A former Rhodes scholar, Farley is a Yale University Law school graduate, and earned his baccalaureate degree at Oxford University where he was an honor student. As second ranking legal officer for the City of Chicago he oversaw and coordinated commercial litigation cases and contract and lease negotiations.



He is a member of the Chicago, Cook County, and State Bar Association, Public Interest Law Initiative Board of Directors, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation Board of Directors. He resides with his wife and son in the Lakeview community on the city's north side.

The new general attorney told the law department, in an open meeting held in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart, that he comes to CTA with a vision of a department that is "the best in the business."

Observe Transit Appreciation Week in Daley Center Plaza

A celebration par excellence highlighted National Transportation Week for CTA employees as the second annual observance was held May 22 in Daley Center Plaza.

Open house celebrations were the order of the week at all of CTA's bus garages and rail terminals where

refreshments were served. CTA Appreciation Night was also held in conjunction with the observance May 19-20 at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox. Some 2,500 game tickets were issued to CTA employees including 60 box seats.

The public observance at Daley Center Plaza included the recognition of more than 40 rail and bus employees who were honorees on the special occasion. Music for the program was provided by the Lane Technical high school marching band. The American Public Transit Association-sponsored day gave Chicagoans an opportunity to express their gratitude to the city's transit workers for the daily service which they provide each day throughout the year.

Visitors saw five vintage CTA vehicles on display including the historic bus 3407, a 1944 White Motor Coach on loan from the Illinois Railway Museum, and bus 605, a 1950's General Motors coach from the Fox River Trolley Museum. CTA's Mobile Information Center was also opened to the general public.

CTA's historic train 6101/02, a 50's vintage vehicle, provided free rides on the inner Loop once more, with stops only at Quincey-Wells station. Mementoes of the day included CTA buttons, pass holders and other transit paraphernalia.



Mrs. Gloria Chevere, senior deputy executive director, is all set to hurl the first pitch at Comiskey Park as the Chicago White Sox meet the Toronto Blue Jays during CTA Night at the park. Standing with Mrs. Chevere is her White Sox battery partner, catcher Steve Lyons. CTA White Sox Fans turned out for the game as Transit Appreciation Week was being observed.

Walter J. McCarter, CTA's first General Manager Dies

Walter J. McCarter, 89, the CTA's first general manager, died May 18 in Pompano Beach, Fla., after a long illness.

McCarter started work for CTA on Oct. 1, 1947, the day the authority began operations after the purchase of the privately-owned Chicago Surface Lines and Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

He resigned Sept. 30, 1964, and was appointed consulting engineer for the CTA and for the First National Bank of Chicago, trustee of CTA's revenue bond issues, until his retirement on May 1, 1965.

With the formation of the CTA, McCarter had the task of changing over the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company from private ownership and operation to public ownership and operation, coordinating their duplicate department activities, and planning and directing modernization of equipment, and improvements in service.

He had been through a similar change-over from private to public ownership as general manager of the Cleveland Transit System before coming to the CTA.

In 1947 when CTA and McCarter took over, there were old red streetcars operating on the streets of Chicago and clay-colored wood and wood-steel rapid transit cars operating on the "L" tracks.

On Oct. 1, 1952, five years after McCarter started, the CTA purchased the Chicago Motor Coach Company and became the operator of all the transit facilities in the city.

After retiring from the CTA, McCarter was a consultant for the planning of the rapid transit system for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

In 1983, McCarter was named to the American Public Transit Association (APTA) Hall of Fame in recognition as a leader and planner who made local and national contributions to the mass



transit industry on a substantial basis. APTA is the international organization representing the transit industry.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes.



Happy birthday

Saying happy birthday to "Nice guy" conductor Michael Tanascu on the Evanston rapid route is Irwin Feldman of CTA's Management Service department, and two friends who take the early morning train with Feldman each day. The trio presented Tanascu with a Cubs fan T-shirt, a birthday cake, and sang happy birthday. "We just wanted to express our appreciation for having such a nice conductor on our train each morning," said Feldman, the only passenger in the group who works for the authority.



77th Street bus operator **Shahid Abdullah**, a CTA employee for 12 years, meets 10-year old Jimmy, a fifth grader at Sababard school following Abdullah's release from Jackson Park hospital. The operator sustained injuries while driving his car as he swerved into a tree to avoid hitting the youth who had ignored traffic lights as he crossed a street.



Together again...CTA Purchasing department retirees **Manny Seguera** (left) and **Rod Daugherty** enjoy a day on the California links at Palm Desert. Rod and his wife, **Mrs. Arlene Zittman Daugherty**, who also retired from CTA's Purchasing department, renewed old times with Seguera during his California visit earlier this year.

Tuition Reimbursement plan needs more participants

CTA's Tuition Reimbursement program is one of the best opportunities available to employees, yet an April survey conducted by Management Development and Training which coordinates the program indicates that only a few employees are taking advantage of it.

Employees are reimbursed up to \$1,000 a year to defray the cost of improving their effectiveness on the job. Although there are more than 12,000 personnel in the CTA work force, only 106 workers were reimbursed for completing job related and general improvement courses in the 1988-89 program, according to **Brian Marshall**, program coordinator.

While the refund amount is modest, that could improve, suggests Marshall. With so few education dollars available from any source today, given the cries from Illinois educators for more legislative financial support, the sparsity of CTA employees even inquiring about the reimbursement plan is surprising.

Marshall says the survey suggests that management has not used the Tuition Reimbursement plan to guide career development, which means the program has not been well publicized. In fact, only 16 percent of survey respondents say they learned about the

program through their supervisor. Most learned about the repayment plan by word of mouth from co-workers or during the initial hiring process.

Courses of study for recipients of the Tuition Reimbursement plan run the gamut from finance and public administration to engineering and human resource development. CTA's work force students are actively seeking everything from certificates of training and associate degrees in technical and business fields to the baccalaureate degree and master of business administration degree.

Fifty-six percent of all respondents to the spring survey have obtained, or expect to obtain, bachelors degrees in the near future, while 32 percent are after the masters degree. Another three percent are fulfilling requirements for an associates degree. Certificates were the interest of 23 percent of CTA employees responding to the survey, and 21 percent were participating in the Tuition Reimbursement program simply for self-improvement.

Marshall said 52 percent of those responding to the survey were craftsmen, while 48 percent were operations personnel. The respondent profile also included 11 percent managerial, 18 percent administrative and 14 percent technical personnel. The other

categories included 20 percent professional and 35 percent skilled.

Schools most frequently attended by CTA students are the University of Illinois Chicago Campus, Harold Washington College, Loyola, DePaul, Chicago State, and Governors State universities, Triton College, Illinois Institute of Technology, Moraine Valley, and Dale Community College.

Tuition Reimbursement is one of several programs administered by MDT for CTA employees. Persons with inquiries concerning this program should direct them to Brian Marshall at extension 3572.

Meanwhile, "**Put It in Writing**," a three-day seminar offered in August, will be available again October 4, 11, and 18. The video-based program which is led by an MDT facilitator, will teach supervisors and professionals how to write clearly.

"**Situational Leadership**," a two-day seminar designed to put real power behind management-employee relationships, is being offered for a second time October 5-6. Other seminars offered recently have included "Management by Responsibility," and "Personal Responsibility in Developing Excellence" (P.R.I.D.E.). For additional information on these programs, contact MDT at extension 3570 or 3571.

Auto attendant exchange aids telephone service

If you've ever had to call us from home you know about CTA's state of the art general office telephone answering system designed to facilitate the dispatching of calls during peak business hours.

An increasing volume of incoming telephone calls through the CTA switchboard at the Merchandise Mart previously kept the authority's four operator consoles overloaded to a point where callers were receiving an excessive number of rings before an operator could answer.

The new system, called Automated Attendant Exchange, is a computer-driven answering system which answers all calls on either the first or second ring

and provides a pre-recorded message with instructions to the caller. The only incoming calls to be handled by an operator are those that may overflow, as in the case of 12 simultaneous callers, or those where the caller does not know the extension of the party being called.

The Automated Attendant Exchange requires that the caller have a pushbutton telephone and offers the following services: Customer Assistance, dial 1; Purchasing, dial 5; Those who are seeking employment are instructed to dial 7, and for those who need assistance of an operator need only wait on the line.

The immediate recorded response which a caller will get from the new system is, "Thank you for calling the CTA. If you are calling from a pushbutton telephone you may dial your party's extension number now." If the number is busy, and you wish to hold on the line, dial 8.

Thomas Coyne, supervisor, Steno and Switchboard Service, said prior to installation of the new telephone system in March, his nine switchboard operators handled approximately 50,000 calls per week. Coyne said he expects the new system to reduce the load handled by his personnel to about 35,000 per week.

The peak volume of calls are generated by employees during the early morning, followed by calls generated by Claims/Law, Purchasing and Transportation. The highest volumes of calls however, are generated by CTA's Customer Assistance section, Coyne noted.



RETIREMENTS

April

Judith L. Genesen, Mgmt. Svcs., 14 Yrs.
Richard Griffith Jr., 69th Street, 35 Yrs.
Thomas O. Hughes, Randolph/Wells, 31 Yrs.
Joseph T. Lazzara, Planning & Dvlpt., 33 Yrs.
Louis J. Loebbaka, O'Hare, 36 Yrs.
George E. Matejovsky, West Shops, 29 Yrs.
James R. Pankonen, Equip. Engr. & Mice., 27 Yrs.
*Daniel J. Perk, Finance, 38 Yrs.
Rufus J. Robinson, District D, 39 Yrs.
Charles J. Schuch, Harlem, 14 Yrs.
Paul J. Shackley, Harlem/Lake, 38 Yrs.
Richard D. Valloni, West Shops, 30 Yrs.
*Retrospective to 2/1/89

Disabilities

Rosa E. Alfaro, Forest Glen, 11 Yrs.
Lynette Bolton, North Park, 10 Yrs.
McKinley Holmes, 77th Street, 12 Yrs.
Robert H. Jones, 69th Street, 22 Yrs.
Robert J. Kremer, North Park, 18 Yrs.
Sharon L. Moore, Archer, 10 Yrs.
Nicolas Munoz, Forest Glen, 11 Yrs.
Lorene Walls, Madison/Wabash, 10 Yrs.

May

Richard H. Bushbaum, West Shops, 42 Yrs.
Jane E. Chauteau, Human Resources, 10 Yrs.
John J. Graham, 54th Street, 21 Yrs.
Charles C. Hicks, Forest Glen, 31 Yrs.
Charles Rose II, Howard, 15 Yrs.
William A. Stallworth, South Shops, 25 Yrs.
Florzell Thomas, Madison/Wabash, 19 Yrs.
John Vitkovic, West Shops, 18 Yrs.

Disabilities

Juan L. Alamo, North Park, 10 Yrs.
Melvin Gardner, 103rd Street, 23 Yrs.
David L. Johnson, Corporate Law, 28 Yrs.
Gloria J. Mattick, 95th Street, 13 Yrs.
Gregory M. Moore, 103rd Street, 11 Yrs.

IN MEMORIAM

Carlo Addalia, 83, North Section,
Emp. 9/26/47, Died 3/26/89
Aubrey W. Brown, 72, North Park,
Emp. 5/15/52, Died 3/8/89
William Clifford, 84, 69th Street,
Emp. 1/26/34, Died 3/22/89
Alberta Colby, 78, Archer,
Emp. 12/14/36, Died 3/19/89
Catherine Daly, 84, West Section,
Emp. 12/1/38, Died 3/27/89
Daniel R. Diasio, 71, North Section,
Emp. 8/7/68, Died 3/13/89
Fred Haberstick, 84, North Park,
Emp. 3/26/28, Died 3/14/89
William Hehl, 86, Keeler,
Emp. 4/27/21, Died 3/7/89
Joseph Holzgethan, 84, South Section,

Emp. 10/25/26, Died 3/29/89
Robert H. Irvine, 85, North Avenue,
Emp. 10/17/28, Died 3/19/89
Henry Ivey, 81, Archer,
Emp. 11/30/46, Died 3/12/89
Charles E. Kopp, 82, Kimball,
Emp. 11/23/25, Died 3/14/89
Hans Kroeger, 89, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 2/11/41, Died 3/7/89
Edward McDermott, 83, Keeler,
Emp. 6/15/25, Died 3/30/89
Elliott H. McMahel, 74, Transportation Clerk,
Emp. 10/17/46, Died 3/21/89
Michael Musielski, 80, North Park,
Emp. 8/7/47, Died 3/23/89
Thomas E. O'Neill, 89, Kimball,
Emp. 6/5/25, Died 3/12/89

Myrtle M. Ott, 71, North Section,
Emp. 5/21/69, Died 3/31/89
Joseph F. Pilar, 75, Archer,
Emp. 12/3/41, Died 3/16/89
William N. Riley, 58, 77th Street,
Emp. 9/9/57, Died 3/21/89
John N. Rogers, 74, Archer,
Emp. 10/25/56, Died 3/1/89
Lorenzo Sparacino, 82, Const. & Mtce.,
Emp. 11/6/25, Died 3/11/89
Clarence Zak, 88, Elect.,
Emp. 10/5/25, Died 3/26/89

WANTED

for the June issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**:

Pictures of **high school** or **college** students graduating in 1989 who are **sons** or **daughters** of CTA employees.

All pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and should be wallet size. On the back, provide the student's full name and school, as well as the employee's name and work location.

Pictures will not be returned.

Submit all pictures to: CTA TRANSIT NEWS,
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Moffat article published in historical quarterly



Excerpts of author **Bruce Moffat's** history of Chicago's rapid transit system have been published in *First and Fastest*, a Shore Line Interurban Historical Society quarterly.

The non-profit organization's spring issue of the publication features Moffat's history of the Cuyler Shuttle, a feeder to the main line of the Lake Street 'L' during the early part of the century. Moffat is a CTA program analyst for Capital Development.

This comprehensive history of the 'L' is Moffat's second book project. His book on the Chicago freight tunnel system was published in 1982. Besides Cuyler Shuttle, Moffat has also written several other magazine articles.

The author, who rejoined CTA after nearly five years with the Regional Transportation Authority and a short stint with the private sector, said he is still a few months away from completing his second book.

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Manager of Instruction

Paul Kadowaki honored as 1989 outstanding employee

Paul H. Kadowaki, CTA manager of instruction, was named Chicago's 1989 Outstanding General Service Employee.

Kadowaki was honored at the 21st annual meeting of the Superior Public Service Awards program sponsored by eight Chicago area public service agencies.

He was cited for creating training and retraining programs for CTA's 8,000 operating employees, which have helped reduce the accident rate nearly 40 per cent during the last 10 years. CTA, the second largest public transit agency in North America, currently has an accident rate of 4.0 per 100,000 miles of operation.

CTA's dramatic accident rate reduction is attributed to Kadowaki's im-

proved training programs and recertification programs, incentive efforts to increase employee motivation, competition among employees for better performance ratings, performance evaluations, and a minimum of two inspections a year for each operating employee.

Kadowaki's Instruction Department of 105 instructors, audiovisual specialists, and management staff provides advanced training programs, audiovisual materials along with multi-image slide and video tape presentations, on-the-job training programs, and motivational programs.

Kadowaki joined CTA in 1958 as a bus operator and advanced through eight promotions to his present rank. In addition to his public transit career, his community activities include service as a cubmaster, an elder of the board of Grace Lutheran Church in Evanston, and as a board member of the Japanese American Service Committee. He and his family reside on the city's North Side.

CTA Front-Line program is key to management skills



Management Development and Training department's staff includes (from left) Joyce Hill Cooper, coordinator; Sylvia Flores, executive

secretary; Mary Ann Bridges, superintendent; Gary M. Melberg, manager, and Brian Marshall, professional programs assistant.

Imagine trying to assume managerial responsibilities after years of service in a job as a draftsman, clerical person, repairman, or analyst. Of course it has been done, but at best it was by the seat of the pants.

The employee who finds himself in such a position probably lacks the proper organizational skills and suffers poor performance until the necessary people skills are acquired.

CTA's Management Development and Training department, which is committed to assisting employees in the pursuit of excellence in the work place, offers a Front-Line Management program which is geared to train supervisors and superintendents from all divisions of CTA.

The objective of this program is to help supervisory personnel improve their people management skills. The focus is on such day-to-day tasks as giving directions, coaching, providing feedback on performance, and taking corrective action or discipline. The training is conducted one day a week for five

weeks, and uses an intensive series of video-based modules as instructional guides.

The benefits to CTA supervisors are improved relations with subordinates, increased productivity, less stress on the job, and stronger planning and goal setting skills. Already experienced management participants are finding that the Front-Line Management program is a useful opportunity to review and refresh technique, and newly-promoted supervisors and superintendents are acquiring the necessary skills for handling personnel.



Some 200 CTA employees have already participated in the Front-Line Management program since classes began on February 20, and records indicate a 91 percent completion rate among enrollees. Certificates are only presented to persons who attend all five classes. Evaluation summaries returned at the end of the training indicate that most participants are finding the classes to be both relevant and useful.

The federally funded program was initially developed for CTA by Janet Frazer and Associates, a Chicago-based organization which also conducted the training until June, 1989. Since September, classes have been conducted by CTA Management Development and Training department staff.

Management Development and Training also offers other programs which are designed to assist CTA managerial and professional employees. A program catalog which outlines the various programs is available through the respective CTA departments.

“Wall of Fame” dedicated at 77th Street garage

77th Street garage superintendent **Arthur Bennett** recently dedicated a section of his trainroom to the new 77th Garage “Wall of Fame” which provides recognition to employees who excel in eight particular career areas.

Employees receiving safety awards, Employee Safety Performance Program team leaders, employees receiving the most commendations, those with the overall best records of performance, and persons being promoted will be among those listed on the wall. Good grooming is also recognized as bus operators, box pullers, and street collectors who demonstrate pride in their appearance are honored on the Wall of Fame. Others will include employees with 25 or more years of service, and persons who are contributing at least a day's pay to the United Way.

Typical of the honorees found listed on the new Wall of Fame is Operator **Maurice Sutton**, who Bennett said received seven percent of the 161 commendations going to 77th street operators last year. Sutton was a part-time employee at the time, the superintendent said.



77th Street garage superintendent **Arthur Bennett** (left) stands proudly with bus operators **Maurice Sutton** (center), who is credited with seven percent of the garage's 161 commendations earned last year, and

Herman Lloyd, an outstanding employee with the third highest seniority at 77th Street. Lloyd joined CTA on March 1, 1954. The Wall of Fame was proposed by Bennett for the purpose of recognizing excellence.

Bennett said another group of honorees with a minimum of 200 working days during 1988 had no sick or miss entries, no chargeable accidents or passenger complaints. They also experienced no suspensions, uniform violations or railroad crossing violations, and had no more than seven minor violations.

In saluting his employees, Bennett said "It's an honor and a privilege to dedicate this small section of the garage to the employees who work at 77th garage. The size of the section does not reflect the gratitude I feel in my heart in dedicating this wall. You are the people who enable the people of this city to work, go to school and to play. You are the heroes that make us look good."

Of those honored for their service years, Bennett said, "Words cannot express the pride and appreciation we feel for your years of service and unwavering dedication to the Chicago Transit Authority's mission of providing quality transit service to metropolitan Chicago. We salute you."

General Office Raiders regain championship, coach plans retirement

When the 1987-88 basketball season ended, the Outlaws, under Coach **Arthur Hubbard**, walked away with all the marbles, having made good their threat to dethrone the General Office Raiders.

Of course the Raiders were stunned, but the seldom heard "just wait until next year" response from the general office team was truly worth waiting for. The Raiders stormed the Washington Park Fieldhouse court this year with blood in their eyes and snatched the championship back where they and their fans feel it belongs.

The arch rival Outlaws and Raiders squared off in a post season double elimination playoff---a shootout in

which the Raiders defeated the Outlaws 80-64 and 72-64 in a three-game round robin to regain their number one status. The Outlaws took the second game in a two-point match, 67-65.

It was a fitting finish, not only as a threat made good, but to a basketball career as intramural coach for Raiders mentor **Arlliss B. Jones**, a transportation program analyst who plans to be enjoying his CTA pension when the 1989-90 basketball season opens.

Admired by his team, close friends and co-workers as "CTA's number one coach," Jones will leave the authority after 33 years of dedicated service which began as a bus operator.



Daryl Lampkins



Michael (Tank) Eversley



Phillip Gady, Jr.



Paul Reed



Arlliss Jones



Darryl West



Tyrone Brown

He has coached, managed, and sponsored basketball and volleyball teams throughout his CTA career, and has run the gamut of involvement from treasurer to coordinator in both sports. He has also sponsored teams in the Chicago Park District and Pro-Am leagues.

When Jones assumed the coaching responsibilities of the General Office Raiders in the late 70's, he says the team was the laughing stock of the league. "They had won only two games in two years," recalls the coach. A year after he took the helm the team was in the playoffs, and took the league championship the second year.

A native of Lake Providence, La., Coach Jones attended Xavier University in New Orleans on a basketball scholarship, and Southern



Tanno Herring



Tony Watkins

University in Baton Route, La., where he earned a walk-on baseball scholarship. A Korean Conflict veteran, he moved to Chicago in 1956 after his discharge from the U.S. Army.

At least nine young men, influenced by Coach Jones, are students or alumni of Grambling, Xavier, and Tennessee State Universities. "I've always promoted education through my involvement with young people in the sports programs, and I will continue to do that as long as it's possible," said Jones, who believes in promoting black colleges and universities.

While he plans to retire his basketball activities, Coach Jones said he's staying with the volleyball program for a while. "I've still got a championship to win," the coach said. Jones and his wife, Wyllye, reside on the south side and have one daughter, Stephanie.

Thanks for



Willie Mae Surles (No. 79 79th, 77th Street garage) was commended by G. Willis, of West 71st Place, for "doing a beautiful job. She was pleasant, concerned, considerate and nice. She let the bus come to a smooth stop, free from jerks and jolts. What made the elderly people feel at ease was that she called all the stops. She also let the bus stand long enough for them to get off safely."



Frank Ippolito (No. 201 Central/Sherman, North Park garage) was appreciated by Betty Walls, of Stratford Place. "I get off work at 7 p.m., so I catch this operator every weekday evening. He is always very pleasant, and runs like clockwork. In good weather and bad, he is always on time. He once drove a bus with electrical problems when other operators would have pulled over to wait for help."



Stanley Kubicz (No. 56 Milwaukee, Forest Glen garage) was praised for his concern by Doris Lucas, who works for Metra. "As people began to board the bus at Clark Street, the bus driver suddenly jumped out of his seat, ran down the steps and quickly stopped a man who was in the process of opening my purse. I commend him for his quick action and thoughtful protection. Please thank him again."



Jose Garcia (No. 36 Broadway, Limits garage) was complimented for his courtesy by Celia Lipinski, of Rosemont Avenue. "At Clark and Diversey, he was courteous enough to see me trying to catch his bus, and waited to pick me up. He was responsive to all his passengers, nodding to them pleasantly as they entered, calling out the stops in a loud, clear voice, and even waving good-bye to his 'regular.'"

Employees who received

Byron Acker, North Park
Jesus Aguayo, Forest Glen
Valerie Anderson, 69th Street
Frank Anderson, Lawndale
Lee Aschoff, Forest Glen
Hettie Atkins, North Park
Alberta Atwood, Kedzie

Nathaniel Barton, 103rd St.
Raymond Battle, Howard/Kimball
Angel Beenn, Archer
James Bennett, South Sect.
Edward Binns, Archer
Alvin Bond, Lawndale
Robert Brown, Forest Glen
Richard Brown, Jr., Forest Glen
Donald Burnaugh, 77th Street
Doreen Burton, Limits

Robert Cadiz, North Park
Jean Cage, North Park
Jose Cancel, North Park
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Ilda Castellanos-Wadde, North Park
Polly Cole, Forest Park
Ernest Collins, Archer
Terry Collins, Archer
Richard Corbett, Howard/Kimball
Angel Cruz, North Park

Lee Davis, Archer
Allison DeBonnett, South Sect.
Luis DeJesus, North Sect.
Henry Diaz, Forest Glen
Joseph Dixon, 69th Street
Robert Dluger, North Park
Richard Doebler, North Park
Anthony Donato, Limits
Thomas Dunn, Archer

Reginald Edwards, North Park
Exeline Elliott, North Park
Jovian Ellison, Limits
Victor Escalante, Forest Glen
Peter Estrada, Lawndale
William Finley Jr., Kedzie
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Robert Flood, North Park

Joseph Gale, Forest Glen
Antonio Gallinaro, Forest Glen
Jerry Garcia, Archer
Abraham Garron Jr., Archer
Mark Gasior, North Park
Joe Gathings, Archer
Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard/Kimball
Phillip Gill, Archer
John Godbolt, Archer
Alfonso Gonzalez, North Park

Roldan Gonzalez, North Sect.
Maria Gonzalez, West Sect.
Ralph Graham, 77th Street
Arthur Green Jr., 69th Street

August Hallmann, Forest Glen
Raymond Hamb, Archer
Otis Hampton, Limits
Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Cornelius Haywood, Limits
Theresa Hennessy, Forest Glen
James Hentz, O'Hare
Marie Hetherington, Kedzie
Maurice Hillister, Archer
John Hilt, Limits
Ricky Hogan, Kedzie
Joe Hudgins, Forest Glen
Daretta Hughes, Lawndale
Curtis Hunigan Jr., Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park
William James, North Park
Willie Jefferson, 77th Street
David Jenkins, Limits
George Johnson, Limits
Terry Jones, Forest Glen

Barbara Keaton, Archer
Robert Kinney, North Park
Leo Krahula, Forest Glen

making their day!



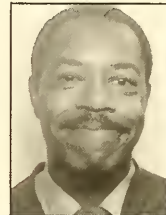
Joeie Pryor (conductor, O'Hare terminal) was called "exceptional" by Douglas Lawson, of Palatine. "I had just sat down and begun to read (on an O'Hare train) when she began making announcements. While the message was routine, it was the pleasant tone and clarity of her voice that caught my attention. As the train continued, her thorough, professional manner showed in the way she performed her duties."



Cecilio Hernandez (No. 41 Elston/Clybourn, Forest Glen garage) "starts my day off happily because of his manner and caring ways," wrote Joyce Markstahler, who works on West Erie Street. "He always checks to make sure there is no one running for the bus before he pulls away (from Union Station). On a sloppy day, I have seen him make sure there is no puddle or obstruction before letting people alight from the bus."



Clyde Hall (No. 4 Cottage Grove, 77th Street garage) was "extremely pleasant, unusually courteous and most helpful to riders," according to Katherine Henderson, of Eberhart Avenue. "He very calmly gave directions to those seemingly lost passengers, waited for the elderly who moved a little slowly, and used great proficiency in moving through the crowded rush hour traffic on Michigan Avenue."



Oliver Robertson (No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express, Limits garage) is highly regarded by Elizabeth Kuehl, of North Winchester Avenue. "He is a well-groomed, soft-spoken, polite gentleman who is familiar with his passengers and takes good care of them. He is an excellent driver, handling the bus with confidence and authority. He does not intimidate auto drivers, starts and stops smoothly, and maintains his schedule."

Recommendations since our last listing

William Kunz, North Park
Richardo Leiva, Forest Glen
Jesus Limas, North Park
Fernando Lind, North Park
Tommie Little, 69th Street
Angie Lorenzo, Forest Glen
Angela Mabry, 103rd Street
Ephriam Mauldin, 69th Street
Alonzo Mays Jr., West Sect.
Charles McCalpin, North Park
Andrew McDaniel, 103rd Street
Frederick Mead, O'Hare
Rene Melendez, North Sect.
Mahlon Mims Jr., North Park
Michelle Moore, Archer
Abdul Muhammad, 77th Street
Hermínio Munoz, Forest Glen
John Paczkowski, North Park
Jorge Patino, Forest Glen
Timothy Phillips, North Park
Ronald Plummer, O'Hare
Reinhard Poetz, Forest Glen
Joeie Purnell, Ashland
Billy Ragsdale, 103rd Street
Patricia Reed, 77th Street
Kenneth Richards, Limits
Lee Robinson, Archer

Lawrence Robinson, Ashland
Angel Roman, Forest Glen
Robert Rook, Forest Glen
Salomon Ruiz, Kedzie
Luis Salazar, O'Hare
Janet Sams, North Park
Melvin Sanders, Forest Glen
Billie Shipp, Ashland
Barbara Shumaker, Howard/Kimball
Judith Simmons, Forest Glen
Tuesday Simpson, Limits
Harrison Smith, Archer
Vera Smith, Archer
Charles Smith, Forest Glen
Joseph Smoot, North Park
Lawrence Sneed, 77th Street
Billy Stanford, Kedzie
Ethel Starnes, Archer
Frank Staszak, Archer
Glenn Steude, Forest Glen
Harold Stingley Jr., Doug/Congress
J. Sutton, 77th Street
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street
Linda Sykes, Lawndale
Henry Terry, Bus District C
Tamara Thomas, 77th Street
Curtis Thompson Jr., 77th Street

Donald Trenda, North Park
Roger Trudell, North Park
John Turner, 69th Street
Lawrence Turner, Forest Glen
Minnie Turner, South Sect.
Philip Upchurch, Kedzie
Paul Vance Jr., Forest Glen
Clarence VanMiddlesworth, North Park
William VanWieren, Archer
Richard Vaughn, North Park
Frank Vazquez, Lawndale
Miguel Vazquez, West Sect.
Mara Victores, O'Hare
Juris Vitands, Forest Glen
William Wade Jr., 69th Street
Eltie Washington, 69th Street
Myron Webb, 77th Street
Joseph Wharton, 77th Street
Alan Wilson, 77th Street
Robert Wilson, Kedzie
James Wilson Jr., Rail Dist. North
Theaster Winston, Forest Glen
Addie Wright, Forest Glen
David York, 77th Street
Alphonso Young, Forest Glen
Clifford Young, Limits

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District B



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West Section

'89 top maintenance team is at Forest Glen garage



CTA will be represented in Dallas at APTA's 1989 International Bus Maintenance Roadeo this fall by this top CTA maintenance team from Forest Glen garage. They are (from left) Keith Szlak, Robert Kaese, and John Kochopolus.



Second place honors in the 1989 competition were presented to (from left) Gary Kendzerski, Leonard Link, and James Krause from North Park garage.



Receiving third place honors in CTA's '89 Bus Maintenance Roadeo was this 103rd Street garage maintenance crew. They are (from left) Bruce Kujawa, Gary Hathaway, and Salvador Contreras.



Gift certificates of \$50 each for their fourth place awards were presented to (from left) George Levy, Jose Guerrero, and Ronald Vick of North Park garage.

"I can't believe it. I just can't believe it," exclaimed bus servicer **Robert Kaese** as he and his teammates were announced winners of the 1989 Bus Maintenance Roadeo.

The Forest Glen veteran maintenance competition participant was estatic over their success. Others on the championship team are repairers **John Kochopolus** and **Keith Szlak**. Last year Kaese's team took fourth place in the competition. **John Dzul** who was a part of the 1988 threesome, transferred to North Park earlier in the year and was replaced on the team by Szlak.

The trio of champions will represent CTA in the second annual APTA International Bus Maintenance Roadeo in Dallas this fall. Like their Bus Roadeo counterparts, CTA's top maintenance crew will receive all the recognition worthy of their success, and will be accompanied in Dallas by guests of their choice. An additional prize presented to each member of the winning team this year was a handsome championship ring.

Collecting second place awards this year were assistant foreman **Leonard Link**, and bus repairers **Gary Kendzerski** and **James Krause** of North Park garage. Each received a \$300 Savings Bond, and a \$150 gift certificate.

Savings Bonds for \$150 each and \$75 gift certificates were presented to bus repairers **Gary Hathaway** and **Salvador Contreras** and assistant foreman **Bruce Kujawa** of 103rd street garage, who finished in third place. Finishing in fourth place this year were: North Park garage bus repairers **Jose Guerrero**, **Ronald Vick**, and **George Levy**. Dropping to fifth place in the current year's competition were the 1988 champions, bus repairers **Phil Murnane** and **John Murphy** and bus servicer **Tom Smith**, of Support Service. Members of the fourth and fifth place teams each received \$50 gift certificates.

Murnane and Murphy, joined by Bruce Kujawa for Tom Smith who was unavailable, also took first place honors in the Illinois Public Transportation Association competition held prior to the '89 CTA Bus Maintenance Roadeo. The trio, last year's championship team, which was applauded for its success in the state contest, will represent IPTA at the Atlanta convention in October. PACE officials also recognized the 1988 team at the Mar Lac House banquet in Oak Park for also having participated in that property's maintenance roadeo this year.

Michael Hennessy, acting superintendent at 103rd Street maintenance garage, and Bus Maintenance Roadeo chairman, praised participants for supporting the 1989 Bus Maintenance Roadeo. "The competition is really growing. Last year we had 23 teams, and this year we had 35 three-man teams qualify for competition."



In fifth place in the '89 Bus Maintenance Roadeo were (from left) Tom Smith, Phil Murnane, and John Murphy of Support Service. They also received gift certificates.

Wilson maintenance takes rail roundup honors

Wilson Rail Maintenance terminal is the home of the 1989 Rail Maintenance Roundup team. Members of the championship trio are assistant foreman **Michael LaVelle**, car repairer **Lucas Lugo**, and combination clerk **Orlandra Lonie**.

Like other winners in the season's annual CTA competitions, each member of the first place team will get a trip for two to the City of Atlanta where APTA will hold its annual convention in October.

Ms. Lonie was a member of last year's fourth place team from Howard terminal. She and her teammates are taking over the top rail maintenance berth from Harlem terminal's 1988 championship team of **Ernest Link**, **Eric Lorenz**, and **Michael Decore**.

Taking both second and third place honors this year was the 98th Rail Maintenance terminal. Veteran Roundup participants **David Artis** and **Albert Curtis**, both car repairers, and their teammate, combination clerk **Dorothy Ballard**, were second place honorees while combination clerk **Richard Jefferies**, and car repairers **Joseph Gragido** and **Steven Grace**, the 1988 second place team, placed third in the 1989 competition.

The fourth place 1989 Rail Maintenance Roundup team consists of Harlem foreman **Ernest Link**, and car repairer **Eric Lorenz**, both members of the 1988 championship team which toured Montreal's Metro transit system, and car server **Daniel Reno**.

The Harlem team of terminal foreman **Veno Cox**, car repairer **Douglas Johnson**, and combination clerk **Ronald Seno** took fifth place in the '89 competition. In fifth place last year, from DesPlaines were **Gary Kemp**, **Richard Pawlowski**, and **Michael Averitt**.

First through fifth place winners received plaques and jackets. Second and third place winners were also awarded U.S. Savings bonds of \$300 and \$150 respectively. Gift certificates were awarded to all contestants. Participants, including volunteers, received commemorative shirts, gym bags, and other items for being a part of the 1989 competition.

The 1989 Rail Maintenance Roundup honorees shared the limelight with Bus Maintenance Roundup honorees at Mar Lac House. **Mrs. Betty Richman**, superintendent, Quality Inspection, Rail, event chairman, said participants this year included 33 rail maintenance employees comprising 11 teams from various CTA rail maintenance terminals.

Contestants competed in five separate tests including trouble shooting a train, identification of parts, destination signs, visual inspection of a rail car, and a written test.



Lucas Lugo (left), and Wilson terminal teammates **Orlandra Lonie** and **Michael LaVelle**, winners of the 1989 CTA Rail Maintenance Roundup, will tour Atlanta with other competition winners.



Getting together on the written examination is the 98th Maintenance terminal second place team of **David Artis** (left), **Albert Curtis**, and **Dorothy Ballard**.



Team captain **Richard Jefferies** (center), and his 98th Maintenance terminal teammates **Joseph Gragido**, and **Steve Grace** elched themselves a third place finish as they worked together for answers on the written test.



Fourth place winners **Ernest Link** (left), and his teammates **Eric Lorenz** and **Daniel Reno**, are waiting patiently for their scores.



Harlem foreman **Veno Cox** (center), and teammates **Douglas Johnson** and **Ronald Seno**, were fifth place winners.

Bus roadeo finals has family involvement

The competition was the same and for the most part so were the participants in CTA's ninth annual bus roadeo as the Winning Circle 20 met at Soldier Field on July 8 for the 1989 finals.

Newcomers to the circle like **Miguel Hernandez** and **Jesse Chin** of North Park, **James Richardson** of 103rd street and **Isaac Price** of Lawndale joined veteran circle members in their zest for the championship, a prize claimed since 1987 by North Park operator **Robert Richardson**.

Veterans of the competition say they are successful because they practice on the streets of Chicago each day what they are expected to do in competition. Others credit success to the fact that they enjoy competition, want to be in the roadeo, and to be the best.

The final competition gets a helping hand from volunteers throughout the authority, including family members. Excitement created by the event fosters a festive atmosphere with rides for children on the south shops mini bus, and food and beverages for the workers.

Volunteers for this year's competition included: **John and James Zupko**, **Terry and Diana Dills**, **Brady and**



Taking a break from their volunteer service of tallying score sheets are (from left) Barbara Hodges, Gloria Mathews, Jamil Woodson, Barbara Hill, Arthur Bennett, and Marlene Mason.



Norman Herron takes a break from the bus roadeo activities to fire up his energy with fuel for the body.

Marlene Mason, Major Warren, Sally Closs, Denise Mathews, Doris Atkins, Margo Julun, William Boehm, Mary Noruk, John Austin, Patrick Hampton, and William Hampton.

Others were **Reba Riley, Lucille Harris, Maria Grabowski, Nidia Rodriguez, W. D. Robinson, Dorothy Johnson, Bill Miller, Verleen Quicksey, Tony Smith, John Woodson, John Grayer, Bob Newman, Kenny Czachowski, Bob Julun, Neville Keller, Jay Hampton, J.C. White, Tom Reilly, Art Bennett, Joe Bennett, Barbara Hill, Barbara Hodges, Jamil Woodson, Gloria Mathews, and Shirley Herron.**

Volunteer service was also rendered by **Frank Bruno, Thurmond Collier, Linda Grysbeck, Walter Alexander, Louis Sanford, Norman Herron, William Thompson, William Platt, Kimberly Czachowski, Lloyd St. James, Paul Singer, Hugh Materson, Elvin Cary, Walter Caston, Miles Smith, Grady Johnson, Patrick Riely, Harvey Jones, John McClain and Carol Taylor.**

Members of the 1989 Winning Circle 20 were:

CTA BUS ROADEO 1989 WINNING CIRCLE 20

1. Robert Richardson.....North Park
2. Alan Wilson.....77th
3. Laurance Weathersby, Jr.....69th
4. Martin Trogia.....Limits
5. Tommy Ross.....Forest Glen
6. Luther Lewis.....103rd
7. David James, Jr.....Lawndale
8. Andrew Gowin.....Archer
9. Ben Wallace.....Limits
10. James Richardson.....103rd

11. Miguel Hernandez.....North Park
12. Jesse Chin.....North Park
13. Willie Johnson.....Lawndale
14. William Spencer.....103rd
15. Gerald Gross.....Forest Glen
16. Arthur Preston.....103rd
17. Jessie Witherspoon.....103rd
18. Mickey Bess.....Forest Glen
19. Orlando Santiago.....North Park
20. Isaac Price.....Lawndale

BUS ROADEO



1st Robert L.
Richardson
North Park



2nd Jessie
Witherspoon
103rd



3rd Luther
Lewis
103rd



4th Andrew
Gowin
Archer

Competition winners to



1st Josephine
Bien
Kimball



2nd Linda
Woods
Howard



3rd Pamela
McKeel
Forest Park

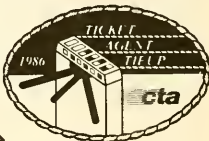
It's on to Atlanta for North Park bus operator Robert Richardson who has vowed to leave the gateway of the south with the distinction of "best bus operator in the nation" when APTA convenes Sept 24-28.

Richardson, the 1989 CTA bus rodeo champion, became the first in CTA rodeo history to take the championship for three consecutive years. CTA will sponsor the late September five day trip to Atlanta for Richardson and his wife where the American Public Transportation Association convention will be hosted. Richardson, an 18-year CTA veteran will compete in the APTA rodeo on Tuesday, September 26.

The APTA winner will receive a trophy as well as a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, and a trophy for the winner's transit property.

As Richardson again took the first place trophy in the CTA bus rodeo, North Park garage superintendent Edward Schwamb also received the Chairman's cup for another year. Other bus rodeo winners were: Jessie Withers-

Top Notch



TICKET AGENT TIEUP'S TOP NOTCH 10

1. Mohini Bagai.....Howard
2. Josephine Bien.....Kimball **
3. Ossie Graham.....Kimball
4. Anne Johnson.....Ashland
5. John Lee.....Ashland
6. Pamela McKeel.....Forest Park (*2)
7. Mary Parish.....Desplaines
8. Dinah Redmond.....Ashland
9. Calvin Rufus.....Ashland
10. Linda Woods.....Howard (*1)

Note **Champion *Runnerup (*1) First Runnerup (*2) Second Runnerup

attend APTA in Atlanta

poon, 103rd Street, second place who received a plaque and \$500 U.S. Savings Bond; Luther Lewis, 103rd Street garage, third place, and Andrew Gowin of Archer garage, fourth place.

Lewis was awarded a plaque and a \$200 Savings Bond while Gowin of Archer garage received a plaque and a \$100 Savings Bond.

The Third Rail Roundup, meanwhile, was running true to form with familiar names and faces in the winner's circle. Howard Street motorman Robert Sanders, a 20-year CTA veteran and winner of the first rail competition championship in 1983, and again in 1986, returned to take the 1989 championship, and a trip to Atlanta. Sanders was honored in the 1988 competition for having the highest cumulative individual score.

First-time Roundup contestant Michelle Gardner of 95th Street terminal surprised the veterans as she topped other conductors for first place honor. Ms. Gardner joined CTA in August 1986.

Motorman Lawrence Washington of O'Hare terminal, and conductor Nick Demitro, 54th Street terminal, were Third Rail Roundup runners up. Meanwhile, Howard terminal motorman Wilbert Matthews, winner of last year's contest, was lauded for having the highest Third Rail Roundup individual cumulative score.

In the Ticket Agent Tieup contest, veteran Josephine Bien of Kimball terminal retired twice champion Linda Woods, Bien proudly accepted the first place award, and will also visit Atlanta. Bien, a CTA employee for 18 years, finished third in the 1984 contest.

Woods finished second for the \$500 Savings Bond, while Forest Park terminal's Pamela McKeel again finished third for the \$200 U.S. Savings Bond. Ms. McKeel has been a CTA employee for 22 years.

The competition winners were honored at the ninth annual awards banquet which was held August 12 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Sauganash Ballroom.

Robert Sanders - Howard



**1st
PLACE
TEAM**



Michelle Gardner
95th street



Lawrence Washington
O'Hare

**2nd
PLACE
TEAM**



Nick Demitro
54th street

**ROUND
HOUSE 18**

THIRD RAIL ROUNDUP'S ROUNDHOUSE 18

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Laurine Amos.....54th Street | 10. Nick Demitro.....54th Street* |
| 2. William Babilonia.....Kimball | 11. Willie Done.....Kimball |
| 3. Wilbert Matthews.....Howard | 12. Michelle Gardner.....95th Street* |
| 4. Herbert Rainey.....54th Street | 13. James Green.....61st Street |
| 5. Robert Sanders.....Howard** | 14. Robert Kelly.....Howard |
| 6. Frederick Smith.....61st Street | 15. Ronald Overton.....95th Street |
| 7. Charles Spears.....61st Street | 16. Napolion Simmons.....Howard |
| 8. Mark Symon.....O'Hare | 17. Roger Smith.....61st Street |
| 9. Lawrence Washington.....O'Hare* | 18. Harold White.....95th Street |

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At Scout Jamboree



Walter Lemons (right), an active Boy Scout leader for 39 years, was one of 85 chaplains assisting scouts and scouters attending the 1989 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill near Bowling Green, Virginia, July 27-August 9. He is accompanied here by Oklahoma scout chaplain **Ronald Phelps**. Lemons has been a CTA employee for 36 years, and is an ordained minister. He is assistant to the pastor at the Greater Metropolitan Baptist church of Chicago where he also teaches Sunday School.

Young skater takes west coast ISIA honors



Eight-year-old **Nicole Arnoux**, a skater since age four, could be the ice skating Olympian in our future, the likes of Debbie Thomas, Dorothy Hamill, and Bryan Boitano of recent Olympic fame.

She is the ice skating champion daughter of **Jim and Shellee Arnoux** of Evanston. Jim is an electrical worker leader at Skokie Shops. Other CTA work force kinsmen are Nicole's grandmother, graphic information composer **Adele Monson** of the Forms Design section, and great aunt **Ruth Beutler**, principal CTA library assistant.

Nicole took first place honors in the recent Ice Skating Institute of America's West Coast Championships at Los Angeles. In addition, she received a third, fourth, and fifth place honor. She will enter her first U.S. Figure Skating Association competition in October.

Nicole is an above average fourth grader at Evanston's Walker Elementary school where she excels in high level math and reading. She is an active member of the Skokie Skatium competitive team.

CTA controller is little league coach

The 1989 Little League baseball season is one that 23-year old **William Haley** is likely to remember for a long time.

Haley, a CTA bus security controller at the Merchandise Mart, experienced one of his most successful seasons as a manager with the Jackie Robinson West Little League. His 13-year old Junior League All-Stars won the 1989 state championship title and advanced to the Central States Regional Tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The All-Stars won their first two games in the Central States tourney as they defeated Indiana and Wisconsin, but lost to Ohio 6-5. The Central States Region also includes Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Missouri.

Haley has been a CTA employee since 1987, and has been active as a little league manager for four years. His team is sponsored by the Mount Vernon Park community.



Auld lang syne

Old acquaintances were remembered in Exton, PA this summer as **Jon and Marguerite Roth**, both formerly of CTA Operations Planning, co-hosted a reunion in their home for others formerly in the CTA work force. Attending the weekend gathering were: Standing (from left): **John Gaul**, New York Transit Authority, formerly of CTA Operations Planning; Gaul's son, **David**, and wife, **Peggy**; **Bob Jans**, Fair Access, Inc., a Chicago area carrier; **Jon Roth**, operations manager for Keltron, Inc., operators of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Shared Ride program; **Mrs. Marguerite Roth**, **Ken Korach**, a former CTA summer intern now with SEPTA, and **Korach's** fiancée, **Brenda Baer**. In the front row are (from left) **Dan Kane**, director, CTA Customer Assistance; **Mary Kay Christopher**, CTA Operations Planning; **Ed Christopher**, Chicago Area Transportation Study; **Craig Heatter**, former CTA director of Pensions, and **Mrs. Patti Heatter**, formerly of CTA Steno and Maintenance departments. Rounding out the small fry section are **Edward and Elizabeth Heatter**, and **Lauren and Jonathon Roth**.

INSIDE NEWS

SPEAKING OF HEALTH... **Michael Tucki**, the copy camera operator in Photographic, is looking great and getting better each day. Tucki went on a "Medifast 70" crash diet program to shed 110 pounds from his 297 pound frame. A mere shadow of himself, our CTA photog now tips the scale at 187 pounds. Gone are his chronic back pains as well as the accompanying chiropractor fees. His blood pressure is very much in check now, and Tucki reports, "My cholesterol was never lower...a fantastic 160." His entire trimming down process was constantly monitored by a physician, which Tucki strongly advises to all would-be weight losers. The feat extraordinaire was accomplished in just 110 days, an average of a pound a day if you're keeping score. Wow!...**Polly Ann Cole** of Desplaines terminal dropped 267 pounds---from 437 to 170 pounds, really serious business. "I'm feeling good about going from a size 52 to a size 14," says Ms. Cole, who plans to lose even more pounds. The combined rail operator, like Tucki, urges anyone planning to shed pounds to check with the doctor first. The thinner Ms. Cole really has a great outlook on life these days. "Society really treats you differently when you are fat," says Cole. TN congratulates both of these health conscious employees...In the "NO BRAG, JUS' FACTS" department, **Philip Redd**, the son of rail supervisor **Robert Redd**, North District, and Mrs.



Mike Tucki of the Photographic section lost 110 pounds in 110 days.



Polly Ann Cole of Desplaines terminal is now a happy 170 pounds, down from 437 pounds.



Carolyn Redd is something of a musical whiz kid. The 1989 CVS grad has mastered the baritone horn, trombone, guitar, viola, flugal horn, trumpet, piano, tuba and the Sousaphone--a total of nine instruments. His dad says he had no idea how well the kid could play until he witnessed Philip's performance at a concert. Young Redd recently received no less than a dozen college and university scholarship offers. The list includes some of the most prestigious black schools in the nation---Florida A&M, noted for its great marching band; Grambling State, Tennessee State, and Alcorn State. The list goes on and on. At press time the youth was still reviewing his choices...Forest Glen operator **Cecilio Hernandez** is also poppin' buttons now that daughter **Maria** is off to DeVry where she will seek a BA degree in electronic engineering...**MAKING THE RETIRED SCENE** recently was finishing clerk **Thelma Rodgers** of the Administrative Services department. The department staff hosted a grand open house for Mrs. Rodgers. The food was sinfully delicious---watch those calories---and it was plentiful. Folks went back for

seconds, not to mention thirds in some cases. **Buzz Alpert** of the Sales department got an introduction to sweet potato pie at Thelma's party and swears he'll never be the same. Family and friends at the in-house bash included the honoree's daughters, **Tamara Rodgers** and her fiance, Sherman Brown, and Mrs. **Pamela James** and her husband, Louis, and their daughter, Ericka who was also on hand to wish grandmom the best.



Thelma Rodgers accepts her pension folder from manager of Administrative Services Roger Wood.



Philip Redd displays awards earned by his musical talent.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Warehouse workers **Charles J. Bennett** and **Fred Krawczyk** display the plaque honoring them as co-winners of the 1988-89 Materials Control Employee of the Year award. It was the third such honor for Bennett since 1985, and the second for Krawczyk who first received the honor in 1986-87. Sharing the moment with the honorees are **William Roman**, manager, Materials Control (far left), and **Robert McCarthy**,

material adjustment coordinator, Purchasing (far right). A committee of five supervisory personnel scored the candidates on attendance, work habits, attitude, ability to work with others, and outside interests with family and community. Other finalists in the sixth annual competition were **William Blinstrub**, **Donna Durham**, **Erias Harris**, and **Joseph Jamison**.

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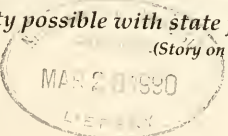
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Deputy's message

I am delighted and honored to be the second guest columnist in this new *Transit News* forum. This is an exciting time to be working in the Maintenance and Engineering Sector.

In the year that I have held this position, Maintenance has routinely provided enough vehicles for scheduled passenger service each rush hour. This is a modest achievement by CTA historical standards, but an important first step and a significant improvement over 1988.

In order to improve maintenance performance and quality over the long term, all groups have returned "back to basics." Management was reorganized to make lines of responsibility and authority clear. Decision-making was decentralized and shifted to the appropriate lower levels. Maintenance goals and policies were reviewed and restated in a clear and concise manner. Management and union employees have worked together to improve vehicle and facilities maintenance. Morale is greatly improved and a quiet confidence is building.

A new spirit of cooperation has been forged between Maintenance and Operations. Improved communications at all levels have provided both groups with more timely information, minimized conflicts and provided the means to resolve shared problems quickly and effectively.



David Hillock
Deputy Executive Director
Maintenance and Engineering Sector

We have identified chronic maintenance problems and are developing programs to resolve them. Maintenance plans for the Bus, Rail Vehicle and Facilities Maintenance Divisions are now being finalized. All three plans set out to break the cycle of failure maintenance at CTA by greatly expanding Program Maintenance. This cost-effective approach stresses component

changeout at pre-determined intervals before failures occur.

A study of Rail Vehicle Maintenance, recently completed by ATE Management and Service Company notes that Maintenance personnel "....from top management to employees on the shop floor are, by and large, talented, sincere and dedicated". We couldn't agree more!

Each of CTA's 600 million annual riders expects a comfortable, clean, fast, safe and reliable vehicle to travel in. It is our job in Maintenance to give them good reason to come back and ride CTA again. No excuses!

There are other exciting things happening in our division, and I will share some of these with you in my future at bats in the Deputy's Column.

Best wishes to you and your families in 1990.

CTA sponsors trip to circus for 1,000 needy children

Complimentary tickets for performances at Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus were provided for 1,000 boys and girls by the Chicago Transit Authority when the "Greatest Show on Earth" visited Chicago in November.

The young recipients of the complimentary tickets were identified by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as needy children. In announcing the ticket donation, CTA Chairman Clark Burrus said, "Since CTA was the first corporate sponsor of the State of Illinois Company Kid program aimed at encouraging adoptions, we think it's only fitting to help as many deserving children as possible enjoy an activity that brings some wholesome excitement into their lives. This seems to be a natural extension of CTA's 'We Care' spirit." Governor Thompson also proclaimed November Adoption Month in Illinois.

CTA also helped to generate interest in the circus by providing



Patches the clown, of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, hands it up while CTA Chairman Clark Burrus (left), looks on during the CTA board meeting. Patches was excited about CTA's sponsorship of 1,000 complimentary circus tickets for needy children. The audience included several children from the Illinois Adoption agency.

advertising on buses and trains, and encouraging the use of public transportation as the most convenient and economical way of reaching show locations.

Benefit Services plans open enrollment



The Benefit Services department will conduct an open enrollment period for employee benefits within the next several months, it was announced by Charles A. Andersen, Benefits Services manager. Andersen said an announcement of the enrollment period will be attached to paychecks. Questions about open enrollment should be directed to the Benefits Services department, extension 3618, Mart.

Andersen also noted that nearly 2,000 CTA employees may have lost dependent medical and dental coverage because, when returning health insurance questionnaires, they failed to provide marriage licenses and birth certificates to verify the status of their claimed dependents.

Letters were sent to employees requesting that the proper documentation be provided during 1989. Andersen said as of January 1, 1990, dependents of employees who failed to provide the requested documentation will be dropped from CTA's medical and dental coverages.

Also, please note: Employees with questions about sick pay claims should call the department on extension 3613,



Don't forget your Magic Kingdom Club card

Packing for your vacation? Don't forget your Magic Kingdom Club membership card. It's free. Just look at what you get:

- Reduced admission prices to Disneyland Park in California, the Magic Kingdom, EPCOT Center, Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park, Typhoon Lagoon and Pleasure Island at Walt Disney World in Florida, and Tokyo Disneyland in Japan.
- Specially-priced Vacation Plans at Disneyland, Walt Disney World and other destinations such as Hawaii, San Diego, and Paradise Guest Ranch in Wyoming.
- Savings on Delta Air Lines when flying to the five Los Angeles area airports and Orlando, Florida plus discounts at most Hilton Hotels and National Car rental locations throughout the U.S.

- 10 percent discount at the Disney stores located nationwide.

- Reduced rates on cruises to the Bahamas, the Caribbean and Mexico.

- Use of the Magic Kingdom Club Travel centers in California and Florida providing information and reservation services for Club vacations, airline tickets and rental cars.

These benefits and services are available exclusively to Magic Kingdom Club members. For a complete list of Club benefits and programs, CTA employees should obtain a club membership card and membership guide from Carmen Gonzalez, promotional services representative, Marketing department, room 411, Merchandise Mart. Inquiries may also be made at extension 3313.



Improved rider security possible with state funds

"Our riders will become aware very soon, if they're not already, that their security is a top priority for CTA," commented Chairman **Clark Burrus** as plans for stepped-up security on rapid transit and bus service were announced in late November.

"Never before has so much manpower, in uniform and undercover, been devoted to this effort. Engineering and technology improvements will also play a major role in this campaign," the chairman said.

New measures for improved CTA security were made possible through increased funding from the Illinois state legislature.

Besides the addition of patrol officers in both city and suburban areas served by CTA's rapid transit system, new security steps include the installation of closed-circuit cameras and monitors, better lighting, and improved visibility of riders waiting for trains.

Several of the new security measures were implemented during 1989 at an estimated cost of \$1.9 million, with an additional \$4.5 million earmarked for security improvements in 1990 and future years. This significant increase to the previous security budget of \$6.8 million demonstrates that rider security is one of CTA's highest priorities.

Manpower increases which took effect in 1989 include the addition of 28 Chicago policemen and 10 canine patrol officers and supervisors to the existing force of 230 Chicago police officers, 13 canine teams and two supervisors. Eight police officers from suburbs served by CTA trains and 52 security guards will also patrol the rapid transit system, marking the first time that suburban officers and security guards have been directly involved.

Other measures taken to benefit CTA riders include security-oriented painting, lighting and glazing improvements, together with the installation of annunciators (warning bell-lights) which let riders know when a train is approaching. The annunciators are being installed near agents' booths at four rapid transit stations on the Congress line. By waiting until the signal is heard, riders can stay warmer and dryer during inclement weather and limit the time needed to wait on a station platform.

The additional security personnel are being funded on an ongoing basis. Painting, lighting and glazing improvements will be made at three additional stations per year, and annunciators will be repaired or placed in operation at approximately six additional locations annually.

Closed circuit cameras and monitors will also be installed this year along the platforms at Loop stations in the State and Dearborn subways. Camcorder security cameras will be installed in a pilot program to record activity on 10 buses deployed along routes with a potential for criminal incidents.

An aggressive marketing and public relations campaign, including newspaper ads, radio commercials, press releases and press conferences will increase public awareness of CTA's commitment to improved security.



State Representative Alfred Ronan, flanked by transit and police officials, expresses support for improved security planned for CTA riders. Present for the occasion were (left) CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, Chicago Deputy Police Chief **Sherwood Withams**, Commander **Robert Dart**, Mass Transit unit; CTA Board member **Milton Holtzman**, Evanston Police Chief **Ernest Jacobi**, and CTA Engagement Manager **Bernard Ford**.

ON THEIR TIME



Uncle Buck extras Kevin (left), David and Christopher Cantwell with their dad, Bill Cantwell.

Uncle Buck film includes sons of a CTA employee

There is more to life than working in a CTA warehouse. Just ask **Bill Cantwell** of Stores in Skokie. Cantwell, of Berwyn, and his sons, **David**, 13; **Kevin**, 12, and **Christopher**, 9, are also making careers of being movie extras. Kevin and Christopher are featured in actor John Candy's recently released, and much touted film *Uncle Buck*. Son David appeared as an extra in the horror movie *Child's Play*.

Kevin and Christopher, the only extras to make it into a close-up scene in *Uncle Buck*, were filmed eating sandwiches in a school cafeteria. When Candy's nephew unloaded his lunch box of its unappealing contents, the Cantwell brothers made a hasty retreat. Their father, Bill, a CTA employee since 1965, was an extra in *The Color of Money*, starring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise. The senior Cantwell's career as an extra began with *The Million Dollar Ripoff*, in which the late comedian Freddie Prinze was also featured. Portions of that film were also shot on CTA property. Cantwell's only association with movies before becoming a film extra was as manager of a neighborhood drive-in theater where he worked for 10 years. Meanwhile, Cantwell plans to continue seeking extra movie roles for himself and his family.

Signal foreman earns Army support award

The Army National Guard has presented the Employer Support award to CTA signal foreman **Tommie Lowery** of south section Signal Maintenance for his support of CTA personnel who are active with the Guard.

The award was presented to Lowery by the members of Company 1, 1-178 Infantry, 5200 South Cottage Grove, Chicago. The unit's first sergeant is CTA signal maintainer **Raymond Pitts** who recommended the foreman for the award.

Lowery, who has been a CTA employee for more than 30 years, said that he understands the importance of Guard activities. He has worked closely with Pitts and other parttime military personnel to help them avoid work schedule conflicts with military responsibilities.

Daquilante youth earns sportsmanship award

When 13-year old John Daquilante enters high school this year, his impressive record as quarterback for the Portage Park Redskins youth football team is sure to be noticed by the St. Pat's high school coaches. The son of **Joseph Daquilante**, control center assistant superintendent, the St. Roberts Bellermine eighth grader received the 1989 Bernard Wise award, a plaque which is presented annually to the boy who "best exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship, character and integrity." During the 1989 season, young Daquilante led his team to an all time best 11-0 record. His performance included delivering 16 touchdowns

passes. His team held opponents to minus yardage while picking up more than 2,600 yards on offense. The season climax for the Portage Park Redskins was their 50-0 triumph over the Florence, Ky. All Stars at Kentucky during the Thanksgiving weekend.



Four employees receive Spirit of Chicago awards



Board Chairman **Clark Burrus** (far left) presented certificates of appreciation to "Spirit of Chicago" honorees (from left) **David Mazurek**, **John Stiles**, **Pearlie Jones**, and **Joseph Maryland**.

The CTA board has honored four more employees with the "Spirit of Chicago" award for exceptional performance.

Receiving the recognition as the panel convened for its December meeting were motorman **Pearlie Jones**, conductor **John Stiles**, and car repairer **David Mazurek** of Howard terminal, and operator **Joseph Maryland**, of North Park garage.

The three assigned to Howard terminal were cited for helping to evacuate a disabled train in the State Street subway. **Joseph Maryland** earned accolades for preventing three female passengers from being pickpocketed as they were boarding his bus. Maryland was also commended by the *Chicago Post* which recognized his dedication as a bus operator, and described him as a "naturally pleasant person."

Motorman **Pearlie Jones** and conductor **John Stiles** had charge of a four-car Howard-Englewood train which derailed in the subway northwest of the station at Clark and Division. After inspecting the train to determine the extent of the problem, they tried to put out a small fire that developed behind the train, contacted the CTA control center for assistance and evacuated passengers along a catwalk to the nearest station.

David Mazurek, a passenger on the train during the incident, helped in the evacuation of other passengers.

COMMENDATIONS



Diane Gordon

(Agents West), was called "delightful" by M.E. Hertel, of North Kilpatrick Avenue, who regularly uses the Logan Square subway station. "She starts my day out right. In her own pleasant way, she is the one hurrying customers through the line, not vice versa. She should be highly praised for not letting the public get her down, and for doing her job in a pleasant and efficient manner."



Robert Harris, Jr.

(No 1 Indiana/Hyde Park, 77th Street garage) was praised by Pat and Peter Kollar of Naperville, for "looking at the doors of Union Station as he is pulling away to see if any stragglers are trying to catch his bus. He always greets each of us with a smile and a pleasant 'Good morning.' What a wonderful way to start the day! He is safe and courteous, and he cares about his passengers and his job."



Ilda Castellanos-Waddell

(No. 22 Clark, North Park garage) is a "super driver," according to Lawrence Nudelman, of North Campbell Avenue. "It is a pleasure to watch how she greets all her passengers with a smile and a 'Hello!' This young lady is especially courteous toward senior citizens, and she never complains when it takes them a little longer to board the bus. Unlike some, she also calls out every stop.



Karl Kassal

(No. 162 Pulaski/Steverson Express, Archer garage) was appreciated by Charlotte Hutchinson, of South Rockwell Street, for "his promptness and dependability. Always being there on time is very important to those of us who ride with him. He adheres to his schedule religiously. He has a concern for his passengers. He will wait for riders who are running for his bus, and he answers questions courteously."

Retirees

September

Joseph Clay, Jr., 63rd/Ashland, 25 years
 Allen W. Dixon, Kedzie garage, 22 years
 Donnie A. Hendricks, 103rd garage, 22 years*
 Jimmie C. Smith, Forest Glen, 29 Years
 Wallace T. Warren, 69th St., 21 years
 Oreltha M. Petty, Madison/Wabash, 6 years
 Charles J. Williams, West Shops, 27 years
 Frank C. Johnson, Purchasing, 23 years
 Elsa M. McCrory, DBE Program, 21 years
 Martha Bada, North Park, 11 years*
 Raphael Emery, North Park, 21 years*
 Adell Petty, 103rd St., 20 years*
 James C. Martin, Madison/Wabash, 21 years

October

Carl V. Benoit, Forest Glen, 32 years
 Jimmie L. Evans, Forest Glen, 25 years
 George O'Donnell, Archer, 32 years
 Hugo Fernandez, North Park, 14 years*
 ohnnie Howard, Forest Glen, 21 years*
 William Oliver, Lawndale, 22 years*
 ames Parker, Beverly, 24 years*
 erry Jones, 69th St., 22 years*

November

Samuel P. Stockling, Sr. 69th St., 26 years
 Abner Williams, Jr., Limits, 11 years
 William N. Brown, 63rd/Ashland, 21 years
 Robert F. Charney, Forest Glen, 13 years*
 ean K.Collins, Archer, 11 years*
 Vilson Gonzalez, Kedzie, 16 years*
 rank Goods, Archer, 22 years*
 Michelle McCotry, 69th St., 11 years*
 Oscar McDonald, Forest Glen, 19 years*
 ita A. Taylor, Limits, 10 years*
 Kenneth E. Brawner, Eqpt. Engr./Maint., 13 years*
 urtis Davis, Eqpt. Engr./Maint., 20 years*
 va M. Sykes, Eqpt. Engr./Maint., 11 years*

December

Reddie H. Gregory, 61st terminal, 36 years
 John Lagon, 61st terminal, 20 years
 James J. O'Neill, Forest Glen, 40 years
 Phillip E. Stokes, 103rd St., 31 years
 John L. Williams, 61st terminal, 26 years
 Richard L. Smith, Claims, 30 years
 Charles E. Tabb, Madison/Wabash, 11 years*
 laudis B. Toran, 69th St., 19 years*
 Michael M. Cox, Kedzie, 12 years*
 ammy Lee, Jr., 61st terminal, 14 years*
 aster L. Lockhart, 103rd St., 8 years*
 amona Martinez, Kedzie, 14 years*
 illie Nash, 69th St., 17 years*
 rry Payton, 77th St., 20 years*
 ary C. Moriarty, Comm. & Power Cont., 22 years*
 im Binion, Jr., Eqpt. Engr./Maint., 15 years*
 idie C. Williams, Eqpt. Engr./Maint., 21 years*
 idie M. Harris, Central Counting, 10 years*

Disability retiree

January Service Anniversaries

40 Years

Douglas Williams, Ashland

35 Years

Felix Black, Warehouse-South

30 Years

Thomas Houston, 69th Street
 Jerry Johnson, Control Center
 Robert Lucas, Lawndale
 Donald McKinney, Bus Instruction
 Daniel Quagliano, Howard/Kimball
 William Staunton, North Park Maint.

25 Years

George Bowen, Jr., Kedzie
 Donald Bruno, Operations Planning
 Sammie Chaiuan, 103rd Street
 William Davidson, Howard/Kimball
 Anthony DiChristofano, Power Dist.
 David Evans, Jr., Howard/Kimball
 James Farmer, Ashland/61st/95th
 Christopher Gaca, Revenue Equip.
 Mary Gallon, Quality Impv. Bus
 Robert Lee, Utility Repair
 James Morris, 77th Street
 Johnny Nichols, Rail Janitors
 Anthony Nicholson, Agents North
 Marron Robinson, Schedules
 Dennis Sipich, Treasury
 Willie Whisenton, Limits

In Memoriam

Milton D. Abrahamson, 85, Shops & Equip.
 Harold A. Anderson, 80, Transportation
 Howard A. Andler, 65, North Park
 Albert Armstrong, 53, Limits
 Maurice H. Ballestro, 83, Accounting
 Ted A. Bochnik, 81, North Avenue
 Robert G. Burns, 92, Devon
 Virgil H. Chambers, 74, 69th Street
 Eugene A. Ciardullo, 71, 54th Street
 Joseph M. Connors, 79, North Section
 Joseph Covaiss, 63, District C
 Andrew Dalstrom, 79, Forest Glen
 John D. Donohue, 91, Kedzie
 Melvin M. Dreyer, 85, Shops & Equip.
 Beulah L. Fields, 86, West Section
 Harry V. Forbes, 69, North Avenue
 Thyra Foster, 92, Shops & Equip.
 Oscar Frederick, 69, West Section
 Edward Z. Galek, 70, Maintenance
 Louise Godby, 88, Transportation

In Memoriam (continued)

Danny V. Gorski, 75, North Avenue
 Vito J. Grickett, 77, Archer
 Thomas C. Grogan, 82, 69th Street
 David J. Hartford, 69, Archer
 Francis J. Hartig, 61, Archer
 Wilburn L. Hester, 74, 77th Street
 Robert Hochleutner, 78, Archer
 Sidney J. Hutnick, 73, North Park
 Frank J. Illichman, 79, Archer
 Albert A. Jacques, 64, North Avenue
 Joseph B. Johnson, 84, Shops & Equip.
 Oscar Johnson, 75, Transportation
 James G. Kelly, 78, Archer
 John Kennedy, 85, Shops & Equip.
 James J. Kieley, 83, Shops & Equip.
 Otto J. Kosteckley, 92, Lawndale
 Edwin J. Kruser, 81, Forest Glen
 Victor Kunz, 92, Shops & Equipment
 Wardell Lee, 69, Madison/Wabash
 Michael McCarthy, 87, Lawndale
 Jennie L. McClain, 84, North Sect.
 Clarence B. Million, 91, 77th Street
 Cecelia Moran, 83, South Section
 Mary E. Morgan, 75, West Section
 James Morrow, 90, West Section
 Thomas P. Murphy, 79, North Avenue
 Jasper F. Myers, 83, Forest Glen
 Edgar P. Newport, 78, North Park
 Frank Niedzielak, 93, Lake Street
 Mary J. Ohnesorge, 81, West Section
 Adell Petty, 43, 103rd Street
 Jerome Pierczynski, 76, Central Dist.
 Boleslaw Fresz, 79, Veh. Mtc.
 Jeffery Qualls, 61, 77th Street
 William E. Redmond, 84, North Avenue
 Mary E. Rettig, 54, Mgmt. Info. Sys.
 Edward Rohde, 81, West Section
 Walter H. Scharp, 82, Sched. Traffic
 Edward M. Schlage, 81, North Section
 Fred S. Schultz, 82, 69th Street
 Elizabeth Segerson, 81, West Section
 George M. Serritella, 81, Shops & Equip.
 Raymond J. Simon, 79, North Park
 Rudolph S. Smajo, 72, Archer
 Elsie M. Smith, 72, Mgmt. Services
 William J. Sorensen, 60, 69th Street
 George Soukup, 91, West Section
 Hal G. Staats, 77, North Sect.
 Edward W. Stamp, 72, Transportation
 David Stover, 73, North Avenue
 Edward O. Stroh, 86, Keeler
 Aloizy F. Svulius, 84, Claims
 Fernando Torres, 47, North Park
 Virgil D. Trimmer, 81, Beverly
 Joseph T. Virruso, 73, Veh. Mtc.
 Clarence C. Williams, 82, Kedzie
 Alger Yodual, 66, South Shops



Margo and Margo are not doubles, but close enough

It isn't so unusual to meet someone with part of your name—maybe your first name, or perhaps surname, even the middle initial—but what are the odds of meeting an individual whose given and surnames are exactly as yours, although the names were acquired through marriage?

The chances of that happening, whatever the odds, did occur with CTA's **Margo Brooks**, a specialist in the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise section where she has been on staff since April 1988. Soon after arriving in Chicago from her home state of West Virginia, Ms. Brooks was made aware of her name sake, a Jackson Park hospital administrative assistant who was born and reared in Chicago.

As strange as it may seem, the two Margos have discovered that they also share some identical characteristics, and learned that they have had many identical experiences as well.

Even though they don't look alike, there are some astounding similarities between the two women which excite the curiosity of most people who know them. Perhaps its their astrological sign (Scorpio), if you believe in that sort of thing. There is a three-year difference in their ages, but both were born on November 5, and from that point on there are quite a few parallels with this duo. For instance, upon first



"Will wonders never cease?" the quizzical expressions seem to say as Margo Brooks (left), CTA's DBE specialist, and Jackson Park hospital administrative assistant Margo Brooks meet.

arrival in Chicago, Margo of CTA lived on Mason street, but what's uncanny is that the maternal grandparents of Jackson Park's Margo were named Mason. Even the insurance agent for one, by happenstance, is a good friend of the other.

When at last they met for a get acquainted luncheon on a recent cold and rainy Wednesday afternoon, there were a number of obvious similarities between the two. Margo Brooks of Jackson Park walked into the DBE section, and like her counter-

part, was attired in black. Both were sporting look alike black leather top coats as though it were all a part of some master plan, right down to identical bracelets.

The slight difference was the blue blouse worn by CTA's Brooks, and the red patterned scarf which was a part of her new friend's attire. However, as it happens, red is a favored color to both women.

It doesn't stop there, the list goes on; each lady has freckles on her nose, has black hair which previously was frosted, claims fried chicken as favored food which they both declare they could eat daily, and each is the parent of a son and a daughter. Likewise, the two women's academic disciplines were generally the same; one studied business administration and developed a marketing interest, while the other's concentration was in business education where she developed a marketing interest. Their favored subjects, respectively, were English and creative writing. In all, it was an interesting afternoon for both ladies as they became better acquainted. Each came away feeling as though she had known the other for several years, and now they plan to cultivate the new friendship, says CTA's Brooks.

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CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (center), and Mayor **Richard M. Daley** held up the banner announcing free CTA holiday rides between 11 p.m. New Year's Eve and 6 a.m. New Year's Day. Others on hand for the announcement at State Of Illinois Center rapid transit station were (from left) CTA engagement manager **Bernard Ford**, Conrad **Dobler**, representing Miller Highlife; Herman **Berehoff** of Berehoff's restaurant, and Andy **Schmidt**, representing the Illinois Restaurant Association.

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Deputy's message

Operations is CTA's largest division in terms of budget and manpower. Our 7500 employees provide 3400 weekday bus runs and 280 weekday rail runs, serving 1.9 million daily riders. Bus operators, ticket agents and trainmen are CTA's ambassadors to the public, our front-line salesmen.

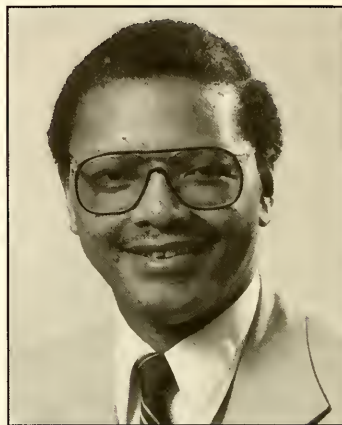
Our service must be safe, efficient and reliable. In 1988, the Operations Division reported the achievement of CTA's safest year, with an overall rate of only 3.42 accidents per 100,000 revenue miles. Statistics for 1989 are incomplete, but figures through the end of November indicate that we may surpass our all-time record.

Our operating employees deserve the lion's share of the credit for this outstanding safety record, because it is a direct result of their diligence and safety consciousness in daily operations. Employee performance and accident statistics are constantly monitored, so that we may devise plans to help operating employees be more aware of hazards. When accidents do occur, intense analysis provides a basis for prevention of recurrence.

All departments within the division cooperate to improve service reliability and efficiency. Based on continuously monitored and updated ridership and performance data, schedules are frequently altered, thereby adjusting the frequency and levels of service to reflect the actual demand of our riders.

Morale is a great concern of every Operations Division employee, and improvements have been made over the past year that provide a better working relationship between management and all levels of operating employees. Regularly scheduled meetings between field management personnel and representatives of the Amalgamated Transit Union have enabled us to solve as many problems as possible in the field, resulting in a 50% reduction in the number of grievances filed by operating employees.

A program of field visits by high-level Operations Division and union officials to all operating locations was



Elonzo Hill
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

undertaken. These forums will continue on a regular basis so that top-level management has the opportunity to hear the comments and problems of operating employees.

The future holds many exciting challenges for CTA and the Operations Division as we strive to better our safety record, increase our operating efficiency, and develop new programs which will enhance employee mobility and career potential. The bottom line, of course, will always be the best service for CTA's ridership.

The men and women who operate our service 24 hours a day, every day, are truly the heart of the Operations Division. They deserve all of the credit for CTA's achievements and are hereby awarded a hearty "thank you" for their work.

We can all take pride in our excellent service record, and continue our challenging and rewarding quest in the decade of the 1990s. I look forward to these challenges and working with everyone to make CTA the best it can be.



Chicago's 'Designated Driver'

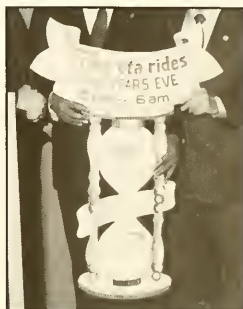
Chicago area New Year's Eve party goers were extended an opportunity for free rides on CTA for the fourth consecutive year.

The Illinois Restaurant Association and Miller Brewing Company financed the rides to make CTA the city's designated driver for the holiday. The annual promotion is part of their year round efforts to support the nationwide "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign.

In addition, all 2,200 CTA buses were decorated with red ribbons which were tied to their outside mirrors as a reminder that motorist should not drink and drive. The red ribbon is the symbol of the nationwide organization MADD—Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

The free CTA rides were available to the public between 8 p.m. Sunday, December 31 and 6 a.m. Monday, January 1, and were made possible through the Chicago Transit Board which authorized one-cent rides paid by the Illinois Restaurant Association and Miller Brewing Company.

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** said more than 200,000 patrons took advantage of the free ride offer in 1988. "CTA is the only way to go to let the good times roll and get where you are going safely," the chairman said.



City colleges present excellence award to CTA



City Colleges of Chicago board chairman **Reynaldo P. Glover** (left), presents the "Partnership of Excellence" award to CTA chairman **Clark Burrus**.

Reynaldo P. Glover, chairman of the board, City Colleges of Chicago, presented CTA with the "Partnership for Excellence" award at the December CTA board meeting. Chairman **Clark Burrus** accepted on behalf of CTA.

In the past two decades, CTA bus maintenance managers have visited vocational schools of the City Colleges of Chicago and other community colleges of the area to encourage automotive technology students to consider working as repairmen at CTA bus garages following graduation.

This initiative benefits the Authority by providing a pool of trained repairmen candidates. It also benefits the vocational schools by providing successful students with employment opportunities which in turn makes the vocational school programs more appealing and relevant.

CTA has also hired a number of city college students as temporary bus operators, vehicle cleaners and laborers during the summer to replace full-time employees on vacation.

CTA received special recognition for having provided jobs for automotive technology students graduating from Chicago vocational schools over the past 20 years.

Public safety awards for third quarter

Public safety awards for the third quarter of 1989 were presented to North Park garage and Dan Ryan terminal.

It was the sixth public safety award earned at Dan Ryan terminal on the city's south side, since the program began in 1961. The terminal's previous award was for the third quarter of 1987.

Meanwhile, North Park garage took its fifth public safety award, the second of the year for the north riders. North Park, home of 1989 Bus Rodeo champion, and three Rodeo event winner **Robert L. Richardson**, was also recipient of the first quarter PSA.

Third quarter statistics show North Park with the fifth best traffic rate and the best passenger rate in the system. The garage also had 21 accident-free days during the reporting period.





Power control center is heartbeat of CTA service

CTA operating employees who meet the public know well the value of second-by-second performance support as provided daily by the Power Control center in the Merchandise Mart.

This important section is the heartbeat of the city's public transportation. Otherwise, some 90 miles of subway and six rapid transit routes could not move. This centralized source of CTA electric power, for everything from the smallest light bulb on a platform to the most sophisticated of rail service operations, is the lifeline of a service that moves more than 1.5 million riders daily. It is also the control center for the monitoring of CTA's 42 outlying substations and all emergency alarm equipment.

The substations convert the 12,000 volts of alternating current which CTA purchases from Commonwealth Edison, and steps the power down to the 600 volts of direct current needed to operate the rapid transit service and light stations.

When emergencies occur along the rapid transit system or in any area where there is an electrical problem,



Senior power controller **John Angelo** responds to a call from one of CTA's 42 outlying substations monitored by the power control center.

the Power controller is at the center of the crisis. Removing and restoring power from specific sections of routes, especially in situations which bring personnel in contact with the third rail, is a frequent demand for the section.

Likewise, ventilating fans, sump pumps, and current needed in the CTA's four subways are monitored by the power controller. Maintenance crews also take orders from the power

controller in instances when there are electrical and signal problems on the system. The power control center's eight personnel, some of them veterans of the electrical department, manage enough electrical power to supply a municipality of more than 300,000 people. They include: **John Angelo**, senior power controller; **Joe Piento**, senior power supervisor; **Carl Meyer**, **Robert Heinlein**, **John Nimtz**, and **James Hightower**, power controllers. Others in the section are: **Al Fleming**, power controller; **George Hand**, and **George Clark**, bus/rail/pool power controllers.



Power controller **Robert Heinlein** keeps substation drawing up to date for the power control section.



Heavy penalties for motorists without insurance

A new state statute ushered in with the new year makes automobile liability insurance mandatory for Illinois motorists.

As of January 1, Illinois motorists who risk driving without having adequate automobile insurance are subject to a minimum \$500 fine.

The law passed by the Illinois state legislature sets the minimum liability insurance coverage required for each motorist at \$20,000 for the vehicle injury or death of one person, \$40,000 for more than one person, and \$15,000 for property damages.

According to Secretary of State Jim Edgar, enforcement will be by random computer checks, traffic tickets, and accident reports. First offenders of the new law will have their Illinois license plates suspended, and a \$50 reinstatement fee and proof of insurance will be required.

The license plates of repeat offenders will be taken for four months, and a \$100 reinstatement fee and proof of insurance will be required. Edgar said a \$1,000 fine will be imposed upon anyone found operating a motor vehicle while its license plates are under suspension.



Rockwell station is decorated by volunteers

The Rockwell rapid transit station on the Ravenswood 'L' route in Lincoln Square is a good example of private sector involvement in the improvement of public transit facilities. The Greater Rockwell Organization recently volunteered to decorate the interior of the Rockwell station as a pilot project under CTA's Adopt-A-Station program which encourages community groups in maintaining and marketing various rapid transit stations. The program is coordinated by CTA's Strategic Planning department.

Members of the Greater Rockwell Organization converged on the neighborhood station one Sunday morning with paint and brushes, as well as other equipment for decorating. They painted the station's interior, installed curtain rods and put up balloon valances at eight windows. The group also installed a bench for the comfort of waiting patrons, and added a bulletin board for neighborhood and CTA announcements.

Ann Harrison, president of the Greater Rockwell Organization, said it is hoped that her group's action will discourage graffiti and vandalism, and stimulate pride.

CTA Chairman Clark Burrus said of the project, "This cooperative public/private approach toward addressing a major concern of Chicago's communities should help stimulate neighborhood development and encourage increased CTA ridership."

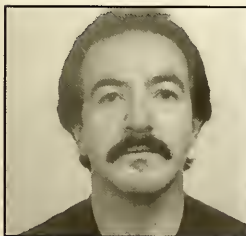
"In addition to serving as a catalyst for community economic revitalization, the Adopt-A-Station program should help CTA reduce costs and significantly enhance its community participatory image."

"This program represents an important initiative to allow private sector involvement in transit-related activities. Participating organizations will be encouraged to creatively offer their services and funding, which, in turn, will help ensure better facilities and service to our riders."



This group from the Greater Rockwell Organization was applauded by CTA for its volunteer "face lifting" of the Rockwell rapid transit station on the Ravenswood line. The interior decorating of the station was a pilot project under CTA's Adopt-A-Station program.

Commendations



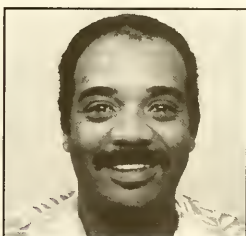
Victor Davila

(No. 147 Outer Drive Express, North Park garage) was called "one of CTA's most courteous, helpful and considerate drivers" by Loryne Banta, who attends school on North Sheridan Road. "He is also safety conscious. When he saw where I was sitting and wearing gold jewelry, he explained the need to be aware of a potential thief. I know he was right. His warnings have changed my behavior on buses."



Phillip Stokes, Jr.

(No. 125 Water Tower Express, Limits garage) was appreciated for his courtesy by Susan Alesia, of Elgin. "What made the trip notable was his friendly 'hello' to each person who got on the bus, 'Thank you' as they paid their fare, and 'Good-bye' as they left. When it began to rain, he asked if anyone needed help closing their window? Then he closed windows where no one was sitting."



Maurice Sutton

(No. 4 Cottage Grove, 77th Street garage) was praised by S. Stapleton, who works at a University of Chicago library. "He waited for us transferring riders to catch up. He was courteous and friendly. His driving is exceptionally safe and at an even pace. At 43rd Street, he assisted a person who had been robbed at a gas station by calling the police. He makes it easy for people to ride the CTA."



Joann Walker

(No 62 Archer, Archer garage) impressed Janet Kujawa, of South Spaulding Avenue. "A male passenger was loud and obnoxious from the moment he got on the bus. When he became vulgar toward women passengers, the driver asked him to get off the bus. He refused, but that didn't stop her. She finally got him off the bus. I was most appreciative of her action and courage. She definitely protected her passengers."



ON THEIR TIME



Bus repairman **Enrique Gonzalez** of Forest Glen garage takes nothing for granted, especially the opportunities he enjoys as a citizen of the United States.

Bus repairman has second career in broadcasting

He immigrated to the U.S. from his native Cuba in 1973. Two years later he was working for CTA as a bus servicer, and in 1976 he became a bus repairman. After only a few months as a repairman, Gonzalez joined CTA's Travel Information center where his distinguished service earned him recognition as a finalist in the city's Superior Public Service Awards competition.

When the Travel Information center joined private enterprise in 1982, Gonzalez went back to repairing buses, and for a brief period he was a repair foreman. "I'd really rather be a repairman because I'm comfortable in the position," he noted.

Life in Cuba had been vastly different for Gonzalez; there he had worked as a writer, actor and radio announcer, but as

the political climate changed, he realized the need to make some personal changes for himself and his family, and decided to come to the United States.

Since his arrival here, he has continued his broadcast career as a free lancer and has done commercials for various enterprises from merchandisers like Montgomery Ward and McDonald's Corporation to providers of service such as Walgreen Drugs, Inc., Michael Reese HMO, Illinois Bell, and Sacred Family Insurance. He was also the news anchor from 1985 to 1986 for Chicago's Spanish oriented television station on channel 44.

Gonzalez has made several industrial films for Sears Roebuck, Amoco Oil, the Rotary Club International and other organizations.

Together again

Rod and Arlene Daugherty were host and hostess in their Palm Springs, California home recently when they were visited by their long time friend, Joe Vodvarka who is retired from CTA's Operations division. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty are retired from the CTA Purchasing department.



Joe Vodvarka, Arlene and Rod Daugherty

Women Can

Michele Folston, apprentice sheet metal worker at South Shops, and recent graduate of the "Women Can" program, was introduced to CTA board members by Chairman Clark Burrus as an example of the "CTA striving for excellence philosophy." CTA is one of several participating employers in "Women Can" which trains women in carpentry and building maintenance. The program is sponsored by the Midwest Women's Center.

February Service Anniversaries

35 Years

William Coyle, Elect. Mtce/South
Frank Halper, Ele. Con. & Sys. Mtce.

30 Years

Alex Carter, Jr., 77th Street
James Christman, 77th Street
Edward Colwell, Rail Service
David Curry, Jr., Rail Personnel/North
L. Fletcher, Bus District C
Donald Gilligan, Bus Personnel/North
David Martin, Trans. Personnel
Leonard Nelson, Gen. Bldg Mtce/North
Marshall Price, 77th Street
Gerald Rosenberg, Agents North
Andrew Shaw, Jr., Brake
Hansel Smith, 69th Street
John Stiles, Howard/Kimball
Harold Thurbush, Rail Service
Harrell Walker, 77th Street

25 Years

Rochell Benton, Jr., 69th Street
Albert Graham, Jr., 69th Street
James Lamont, Mech. Mtce/South
Ralph Mirallegro, Forest Glen
James Reynolds, Field Support
Jerome Walter, Brake Mech. Service
William Williamson, Jr., 69th Street

INSIDE NEWS

Earns diploma at math/science high school



Marcie L. Edwards, 18, the daughter of Sidney Edwards, rail service supervisor, West district, was graduated from the Illinois Math and Science school in Aurora. Miss Edwards was a member of the first class in the new

school which was founded in 1986 by Governor James Thompson. She was one of nine Chicagoans in the 240 member student body admitted to the school for exceptional math and science students. Edwards said the residential high school is one of three in the nation. Miss Edwards is attending the University of Illinois at Champaign where she is studying political science and economics.



Retirees

West shop's Hank Mosley, former Chicago Bear, retires



Among new January 1 CTA pensioners is Henry "Hank" Mosley, service truck chauffeur at West Shops. As quiet as it was kept, the story seldom told is that Mosley, who spent 36 years with CTA, spent the 1955 season with Chicago's "Monsters of the Midway" after his days at Morris Brown college in Atlanta, GA. Veteran Chicago Bear fans may recall that Mosley, whose jersey bore number 48, played halfback in the days of ole "Papa Bear" George Halas.

Reggie Daren retires after 45 years

Regina Daren, executive secretary to deputy executive director, Human Resources James Marshall, accepted the accolades and good wishes of her co-workers during a reception in her honor Dec.14. Mrs. Daren, affectionally known as "Reggie," was retiring after 45 years of service to CTA. Former Deputy



Executive Director Fred King recalled the fast pace at which Mrs. Daren operated during his tenure with her as his secretary. "If you insist on that pace in retirement," said King, "get a sign that says, 'I'm just energetic.'" Others who came to commend Mrs. Daren as she set the retirement sails included Engagement Manager Bernard Ford, Amalgamated Transit Union 241 representative Willie Pool, friend and former co-worker, Mrs. Della Kramer, and master of ceremonies, Deputy Executive Director James Marshall. Mrs. Daren plans to travel as well as pursue her sport of bowling.

Retirees (cont.)

Peter Abrams Jr., Dist. B, 38 Years
Edward Antee, Mgmt. Services, 21 Years
Roland J. Bagley, 95th Street, 33 Years
Eddie L. Baines, Lawndale, 25 Years
Edward T. Barry, Kedzie, 43 Years
Albert F. Basteau, North Park, 26 Years
Richard Bell, 69th Street, 30 Years
Ronald Benschish, Kedzie, 27 Years
Alfred V. Bohanon, Archer, 31 Years
George E. Booker, Transp. Pers., 35 Years
Julius Brazil, Mgmt. Services, 35 Years
F. Robert Brown, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., 15 Years
Loid W. Brown, South Shops, 26 Years
Richard Burrell, Limits, 26 Years
Jesse Byrd, Kedzie, 36 Years
Henry J. Cardar, Skokie Shop, 5 Years
Frank J. Cardella, North Park, 26 Years
Louis E. Chattard Jr., Forest Glen, 16 Years
George Crawford, 69th Street, 26 Years
Edmund J. Daddazio, Forest Glen, 24 Years
Regina H. Daren, Affirmative Action, 44 Years
Eugene J. Daszkowski, Forest Glen, 25 Years
Michael J. Deely, Forest Glen, 32 Years
Robert C. Dillard, North Park, 34 Years
Edward E. Dixon, Schedules, 26 Years
Murl Dobyns, 95th Street, 22 Years
Frank K. Espinosa, Archer, 31 Years
Dorothy A. Etscheid, Pensions, 25 Years
Robert O. Fleshman, 103rd Street, 30 Years
Charles W. Gardner, 77th Street, 25 Years
John J. Gillespie, Field Review, 29 Years
Nathaniel R. Glover, West Shops, 31 Years
Robert D. Green, 69th Street, 41 Years
Johnnie M. Greer, Kimball, 20 Years
Brendan P. Gregg, Forest Glen, 25 Years
Willie V. Griffin, Archer, 41 Years
Oscar Gross Sr., South Shops, 21 Years
Joseph E. Harris, West Shops, 30 Years
Curtis Haskell, West Shops, 29 Years
Earl Haskell, Racine Shop, 33 Years
Delord Hatcher, South Shops, 36 Years
Ernest Hayes, 95th Street, 27 Years
Harvey R. Heide, West Shops, 30 Years
Aaron L. Henderson, Forest Glen, 35 Years
Samuel L. Highsmith Jr., Forest Glen, 32 Years
Deborah Hillard, 77th Street, 32 Years
Ernest Hunter, 103rd Street, 36 Years
Gerald B. Hornung, Skokie Shop, 16 Years
Henry S. Jackson, 69th Street, 34 Years
Samy L. Jefferson, South Shops, 29 Years
Paul L. Jones, West Shops, 26 Years
Warren Julian, 103rd Street, 25 Years
Paul H. Kadowaki, Trng. Instr., 31 Years
Leroy C. Kalata, Forest Glen, 27 Years
Jeffrey M. Keating, West Shops, 40 Years
James Keegan, West Shops, 28 Years
Anthony Kemp, Forest Glen, 32 Years
William G. Kilstrom, Dist. B, 28 Years
Stephen Kinchus, West Shops, 31 Years
Raymond M. King Jr., West Shops, 20 Years
Peter J. Kouchoukos, West Shops, 37 Years

Retirees (cont.)

Carl N. Lewis, Limits, 30 Years
Arthur E. Linden, Forest Glen, 26 Years
Henry T. Luebeck, Capital Devlpt., 30 Years
Raymond A. Lugiai, Forest Glen, 34 Years
Joseph T. Maciuszek, 77th Street, 30 Years
Margaret M. Maier, Marketing, 12 Years
Joseph Maloney, Kedzie, 32 Years
Domenico Maniscalco, Skokie Shop, 20 Years
Jack Martin, Archer, 32 Years
Lewis C. Martin, West Shops, 29 Years
Charles R. McClellan, Congress, 28 Years
Sam T. McCuller, West Shops, 32 Years
Timothy McDonagh, South Dist., 28 Years
Thomas L. Moore, 103rd Street, 25 Years
Warren D. Morris, Madison/Wabash, 25 Years
Henry L. Mosely, West Shops, 32 Years
Timothy V. Mulvey, 69th Street, 35 Years
Milan H. Norum, Howard, 32 Years
John J. O'Connor, West Shops, 29 Years
Mack J. Page, South Shops, 27 Years
Charles Parham, West Shops, 28 Years
Alice B. Pool, Archer, 14 Years
Edward O. Pruitt, South Shops, 32 Years
Clenter Purnell, Field Review, 25 Years
Harry D. Reese, Kedzie, 27 Years
Eugene G. Reid, West Shops, 34 Years
James D. Richardson, Lake/Randolph, 32 Years
Ivadel J. Sandoval, Lawndale, 25 Years
Anna M. Scott, Central Counting, 20 Years
Edgar Shaw, West Shops, 30 Years
Bobbie Smith, 69th Street, 11 Years
Kay Smith, Pers. Admnstrn., 28 Years
Lester S. Smith, Workers' Comp., 36 Years
Pleas J. Smith, North Park, 35 Years
Paul J. Stahulak, West Shops, 29 Years
Walenty J. Szofer, O'Hare, 24 Years
Richard A. Traversa, Hawthorne, 25 Years
Arturo Valdez Sr., North Park, 28 Years
Thomas C. Walker, West Shops, 32 Years
Thomas H. Warren, 103rd Street, 35 Years
Conrad A. Weil, Forest Glen, 23 Years
Herbert Williams, 103rd Street, 33 Years
Mathew Williams, 61st Street, 28 Years
Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen, 31 Years

Disability Retirements

Seberiano Garcia, Fac. Engr. & Mtce., 14 Years
Enrique A. Marquez, North Park, 13 Years
Dolores C. Mattox, Harlem, 10 Years
Wilfrido Villagomez, Madison/Wabash, 15 Yrs.



In Memoriam

**Retired
street traffic
director,
Frank Barker**



Frank E. Barker, 65, former CTA director of street traffic died suddenly at his Sandwich, Illinois home December 5. Mr. Barker retired Jan. 1, 1987 after 41 years of CTA service. During his employment he was an active member of the Transportation Research Board, based in Washington, where he served on several transit-related committees. During World War II, Barker served four years in the British Royal Air Force as a flight lieutenant. He is survived by his mother Ethel; his wife Dorothy, three sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren.

Thomas J. Barry, 82, Shops & Equipment
Sterling E. Bolton, 72, North Avenue
Edward P. Byrne, 82, Shops & Equipment
Jack Carlino, 91, Const. & Mtce.
Isaac Christmas, 85, West Section
John H. Curtis, 67, South Section
Richard Dorgan, 79, Elec. Plant Mtce.
Edward J. Duszak, 82, North Avenue
Fred P. Hahn, 79, 77th Street
Alan P. Howard, 78, Forest Glen
Natalie Kaczowski, 71, Ins. & Pensions
Ralph H. Martz, 83, Equip. Res. & Dev.
Douglas Moseley, 60, Fac. Engr. & Mtce.
Victor E. Olson, 88, 77th Street
Lawrence Rockmore, 74, 77th Street
John G. Stanton, 75, Central Dist.
Anthony Testa, 77, Engineering
Willie E. Walker, 68, 77th Street

Division 241 Council Women aid Santa at Cook County Hospital children's ward

Santa had lots of CTA helpers for 1989. Included among his workers were members of the Amalgamated Transit Union 241 Women's Council headed by Mrs. Virbie Evans, of Forest Glen garage.

Council members, many of them in CTA uniform, took the Christmas spirit to the children's ward of Cook County Hospital on Dec. 20 where they put up a tree and decorated appropriately for the season. They also delivered toys for the 86 young patients confined to the hospital.

Mrs. Evans acknowledged the co-operation of garage superintendents with employees participating in the event, especially Forest Glen garage's supervisory and instructional staffs, and Forest Glen's superintendent, **Hugh Masterson**, who donated cash and toys to the council's cause. The organization was able to purchase 30 toys, and others were donated. Mrs. Evans also acknowledged the Cook's Brothers toy company which donated 22 toys, and expressed special thanks to **Elcosie Gresham**, Div. 241 president, for his help and support.

Included among participating council members were: **Jenipher Finger**, **Ina Tuff**, **Lydia Lewis**, **Ellile Garner**, **Zola Harrington**, **Mary Hall**, **Marion Jackson**, **Mary Conley**, **Odine Johnson**, **Bessie Harrison**, **Cherron Alexander**, **Rebecca White**, **Valery Wright**, **Sheila Thomas**, **Marvella Singerton**, **Mattie Solsberry**, **Deborah Pearson**, **Nellis Mabery**, **Wendy Merritt**, **Loraine Newton**, **Lydia Oubre**, **Minnie Walton**, **Barbara Williams**, **Dorothy Brookins**, **Mary Conley**, **Wylean Williams**, **Cynthia Cotton**, **Katherine Cunningham**, **Gail Collaway**, **Lillie Jones**, **Sally Lahmon**, **Diane Owens**, **Frances Walker**, **Georgia Washington**, **Georgia Williams**, and **Lettie Robinson**. Mrs. Evans said that every garage was represented.

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New fares benefit riders and CTA



CTA FARES

(As of April 29, 1990)

TOKENS, each

Good for one fare
at any time

FULL

90¢
sold in packs of 10

REDUCED*

40¢
sold in packs of 20

PASSES everyday monthly

\$60

\$25
seniors, disabled
only

weekday monthly

\$45

CASH FARES rail at all times and bus rush hour¹

\$1.25

45¢

bus non-rush hour²

\$1.00

40¢

TRANSFERS

25¢

15¢

EXPRESS SURCHARGES

20¢

20¢

* Includes children (ages 7-11); grade and high school students; seniors (ages 65 and older); disabled. Restrictions apply.

1 - Rush hours are weekdays 6 am - 9 am and 3 pm - 6 pm

2 - Non-rush hours are at all other times.

TOKENS are available at currency exchanges, Jewel and Dominick's supermarkets, banks, CTA rail stations, and CTA Merchandise Mart offices.

PASSES are available at all above locations except rail stations.

CTA transfers, tokens, and passes are good on Pace buses.

A new CTA fare structure will go into effect on April 29, as approved by the Chicago Transit Board on February 7.

Full fare riders will save money by shopping for their best transit buys -- tokens and passes.

Tokens, discounted to 90¢, may be used for one fare at any time, and the new \$45 full fare only Weekday Monthly Pass, valid Mondays through Fridays only, will be a bargain for at least 60% of our riders.

Both will be outstanding values when the rail fare at all times and the bus fare during rush hours increases to \$1.25.

Reduced fare riders will benefit from lower, 45¢ fares for rail and rush hour bus, and tokens and non-rush hour bus fares at 40¢. The Everyday Monthly Pass reduced price will remain at \$25.

Transfers and express surcharges will remain the same for all riders, but Super-transfers and 14-Day Passes will be eliminated.

CTA expects to benefit from predicted increases of 0.1% in ridership and 4.7% in revenue. As sales of tokens and Weekday Monthly Passes increase, CTA will earn more interest from these popular prepayment bargains and decrease money handling costs.

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Deputy's message

From the late 1800s until the end of World War II, public transit was the mode of choice for travelers and commuters in Chicago and most other large metropolitan areas.

During the post-war affluence, the newly-affordable automobile became the more popular choice. Complacent transit companies cut costs through consolidation and were often viewed as monopolies with no real competition.

In recent years, our industry has begun to realize that transit and all other modes are indeed competing to serve the transportation needs of the consumer. To achieve success in the transportation marketplace, we must identify the changing needs of transportation consumers, modify our services and policies to meet those needs, and aggressively market our improved services to make consumers aware that transit is an increasingly preferable means of fulfilling transportation needs.

During 1988 and 1989, CTA began to identify consumer needs through extensive market research. We rediscovered some good things about CTA, and, more importantly, we learned of several ways that our service could be made more attractive to consumers.

On the positive side, CTA is universally known and used throughout its service area. In Chicago, 70% of all households have used CTA during a typical week (27% in the suburbs), and 53% of our riders use CTA at least five days per week, with another 22% riding at least three days per week. Our consumers rated us only slightly lower than the auto in terms of timeliness and knowing how to use the service, and CTA has a significantly better cost rating in areas where commuters must pay for parking.

Our most unfavorable comparisons were in the areas of security from crime, comfort and cleanliness, and ease of setting one's own schedule. Surprisingly, consumers think CTA is slightly more expensive overall than driving a car, a gross misconception that we have begun to address through marketing.



Ernest R. Sawyer
Deputy Executive Director
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& Development

In cooperation with the Chicago Police Department, we have increased police presence on our system, making CTA a safer environment for our riders, and we have aggressively marketed our security improvements to improve consumer perception of safety.

Current initiatives, including the B.U.S. maintenance program, anti-graffiti efforts, and Red Carpet service, have improved comfort and cleanliness. In early comparisons, targeted services have shown a dramatic decrease in consumer complaints, which should lead to increased ridership and an improved CTA image.

Service planning has become more market-driven. We are adjusting service levels or establishing new routes in areas where new travel patterns provide significant opportunities for increased ridership. The 33 Magnificent Mile and 127 routes are recent examples that connect major sources of increased ridership.

Our Marketing department is also working directly with major business and recreational locations, providing custom information for potential riders.

Our new fares give consumers more choices for spending and saving transportation dollars. The new Week-day Monthly Pass, priced significantly lower than the Everyday Monthly Pass, will increase pass sales, and discounted tokens will lead many 3-day riders into 5-day weekly ridership. Discounted off-peak fares will ease rush hour crowding and save money for riders with flexible schedules. Tokens and passes involve prepayment of fares, which is more convenient for riders, because it speeds up fare paying and boarding, and is financially beneficial to CTA.

Future marketing initiatives might include custom express services with premium fares and guaranteed seating.

Success in the transit marketplace can only be achieved by identifying consumer needs through market research and tailoring our service to meet those needs.



M.I.S. Reorganization News

In an effort to meet expanded Information Technology utilization, CTA Management recently approved a reorganization of the M.I.S. Department. A new responsibility area has been established to provide resources for ongoing Information Technology Planning and Support. Leo White, who has been Director of M.I.S. Computer Operations, has been assigned as Director of this new area. Computer Operations will be under new supervision and will continue its production responsibility.

The Office Systems area will now assume an increased role for technology deployment to end-users as well as continuing with Office Automation Deployment. Paul Olenski continues to serve as Director of this activity.

Systems Development, which Jeff Shelley serves as Director, will assume responsibility for all M.I.S. Systems Development activities, including mainframe, LAN/Server Systems, and PC's.

M.I.S. Manager, Bernie Connolly, has stated that these changes will better serve the Authority's evolving use of Information Technology.

Editor's note:

We are pleased to welcome the Management Information Systems Department as a contributor to Transit News. This month's center spread feature shows how M. I. S. has helped us modernize graphics production at CTA.

In-house training

As of December 31, 1989, more than 1100 users have availed themselves of the M.I.S./Office Systems in-house training programs since their inception 19 months ago. The in-house training programs are presented by Ms. Colleen Cannon, Office Systems Instructor. The program sequence offered by Office Systems includes:

Introduction to PS/2 and DOS
Introduction to Displaywrite 4
Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3
Introduction to
CTA OA/PROFS (PASF)

Classes are limited to 10 students with one computer per person. All levels of Authority's personnel have attended classes and almost every department has been represented.



Colleen Cannon instructs new users of the PASF electronic mail feature in the MIS classroom.

PROFS pocket guide ready

A vest pocket sized PROFS booklet is available to users upon request. The *Quick Reference to the Professional Office System* from IBM is a convenient way to use your PROFS System to full potential. Contact Ms. Charlotte Vaughn, Office Systems Staff Assistant, on extension 4714, to place your order.

TSIS System

The M.I.S. Department has completed Phase 3 and 4 of the Track and Structure Inspection System (TSIS). This accomplishment allows the Engineering and Maintenance Department to accurately capture and report track and structure defect information found during the inspection process. M.I.S. is continuing to refine this system.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The following M.I.S. employees have achieved recent success through education or seminars:

Middle Management
 Robert Bratek

Management By Responsibility

Jeff Shelley	Bob Kaczmarek
Dan O'Connor	Paul Olenski
Neal Wimbiscus	

P.R.I.D.E.
(Personal Responsibility
In Developing Excellence)

Carol Aguire	T.C. Rogers
Deborah Grant	Linda Schaden
Colleen Graudins	Glen Walker
Glenella Johnson	Bruce Weeks
JoAnn Knudsen	Al Wilson
Donna Pasquesi	John Zaorski
Roy Peterson	



GRAPHICS on the PC

Imagine the effect on your productivity if you could discover a system that would enable you to complete at least half of your work in one-quarter of the time that is normally required, quickly explore alternative solutions to complex problems, combine several time-consuming chores into simple operations, and make changes (Doesn't the boss always ask for changes?) quickly and painlessly.

A system that does all of these things, *Desktop Publishing*, is beginning to change the way that graphics are prepared at CTA.

In the Publications and Graphics section of the Marketing department, we took delivery of our first IBM Personal System 2, Model 70 personal computer in September, 1988. The PC came equipped with *Pagemaker* page design software, word processing software, and an IBM scanner with *Imagedit* software. These software applications, and many others, operate under *Microsoft Windows* software. In the Windows environment, numerous complex functions can be directly controlled by moving a mouse (pointing device) across the desktop, while pushing or holding the mouse button, and making selections from pull-down menus. The artist does very little typing, and an extensive knowledge of computer commands or file management procedures is not required.

Pagemaker

The focal point of the system is the *Pagemaker* software. *Pagemaker* acts as an elec-

tronic drawing board and more, combining several functions including type setting, type sizing, precise keyline and rule line drawing, tinting, graphic scaling and sizing of images, and pasteup. Body text and headlines can be typed and arranged in columns by the artist, or the artist can import word processing files into *Pagemaker* that have been prepared by a skilled typist.

Various types of graphic files can be imported to the *Pagemaker* drawing board, where the images can be scaled to fit the layout. These may include graphs and charts from Lotus 1-2-3 software, line drawings, illustrations and photographs that have been digitized by the IBM Scanner and edited with *Imagedit* software, or complex graphics and illustrations that have been drawn on the computer with high resolution drawing software.

The Publications and Graphics section prepares most illustrations with *Arts & Letters* software. Illustrations are drawn with the mouse, and illustration files can be saved for use over and over again in *Pagemaker* publications. *Arts & Letters* also provides a library of tens of thousands of pre-drawn clip art illustrations which can be altered or combined to produce complex illustrations. Photographs prepared by the IBM Scanner can also be imported into *Arts & Letters*, where the artist can create a detailed illustration by tracing the photo with the mouse. This is very similar to the traditional procedure of drawing an illustration on a sheet of tracing paper

placed over a photo. Typography can also be rotated in *Arts & Letters*, and manipulated in many other ways.

Learning the system

Pagemaker and *Arts & Letters* were created for artists, by artists with computer backgrounds. All of the terminology and techniques reflect traditional graphic art practices. Through either classroom instruction or self-teaching with the tutorials supplied with the software, an artist can gain a working knowledge of the software in three days or less. From that point on, experience is the best teacher, as the artist advances from simple page layouts to complicated graphics.

The level of artistic creativity expressed through the software is also a direct result of the artist's effort and creativity. Computer software is a very powerful tool, but it cannot invent original ideas or make aesthetic decisions.

Working with the system

The artist views work in progress on a high resolution WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) computer monitor. At any time during the creative process, the artist can print a sample of the work on an IBM Personal Pageprinter or any other printer that uses the Postscript page description language.

In the Publications and Graphics section, applications of computer graphics increased in direct proportion to the artists' experience level. It began with simple publications like public notices that require some typography and minimal artwork, and expanded to complex publications including print ads, annual reports, brochures, small maps and *Transit News*. In all of our recent computer-generated items, all typography, line work, and illustrations are prepared on the computer. While the technology to digitize black and white or full color photos and place them into the computer layout is available, we find it more economical and efficient, at this time, to add photos in the traditional manner. We do, however, insert digitized photos for concept approval when needed.

How does it look?

Early applications of computer graphics were severely criticized because they looked like they came from a computer, but modern output (printing) techniques have eliminated the jagged lines and wiggly curves. Simple, short duration publications like window cards and public notices are reproduced directly from our IBM Pageprinter, with 300 dots per square inch (DPI) resolution. We also have

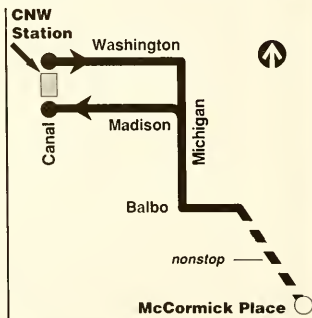
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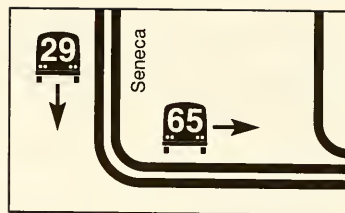
Special CTA bus service on route 127 NorthWestern Station/McCormick Place will operate for all performances.

Buses can be boarded downtown eastbound on Washington or southbound on Michigan (see map).

Service every 20 minutes, starting about 1 hour and 20 minutes before show time. Buses will be waiting at McCormick Place after the show.



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- Headline typography manipulated in Arts & Letters
- Bus drawing traced from digitized photo in Arts & Letters
- Detail section of a map created in Arts & Letters
- Annual budget book cover created in Page-maker with Arts & Letters illustrations
- Special Event window card posting created in Pagemaker with map and graphic elements from Arts & Letters.

the option of sending our computer files to high resolution imagesetters that print at 2540 DPI, a technique that is used for *Transit News*, annual reports, brochures, car card advertising, posters, print ads and other high-profile assignments. The two pages that you are viewing now were produced from a single negative generated by an imagesetter at 2540 DPI. We have one firm rule when producing a quality publication for the public. *If it looks like it came from a computer, it isn't good enough.*

Systems approach

Since extensive application of computer graphics began in the Publications section in October of 1988, many other sections, including Schedules, Transportation Training and Operations Planning, have begun to use computer graphic systems, and have benefited from the systems' speed and creative flexibility. Since all of these sections are using Page-maker on IBM personal computers supplied by Management Information Systems, we have been able to share word processing, page layout, and illustration files.

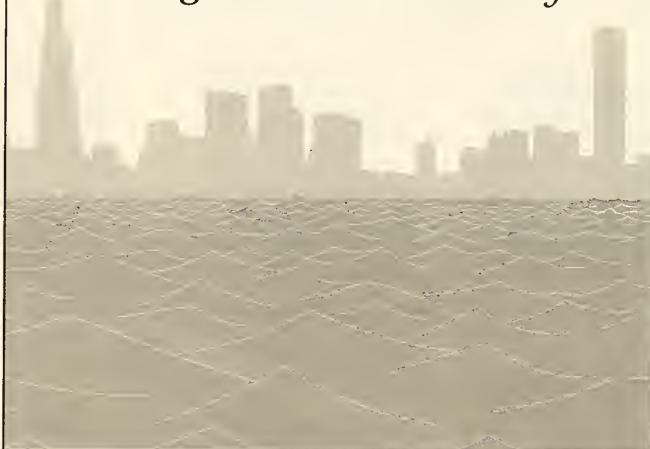
While the computerized, high resolution typesetting and layout system in the Forms Design section of Management Services is not now IBM compatible, we expect that it will soon be adapted to receive graphic files from IBM PCs. Then all CTA departments producing graphics on the PC will benefit from access to a high resolution, 2400 DPI, imagesetter.

Looking ahead

Five years ago, economical Desktop Publishing did not exist. Now it is a highly competitive field, and hardware and software manufacturers are competing to introduce more economical products with expanded capabilities. The future of computer generated graphic production will be fast-paced and exciting.



Chicago Transit Authority



1990 Budget Administrative Plan

December 1989

Transit ideas pay that extra cash

If you have an idea which you think could improve CTA service, or make daily operations safer, more efficient or productive, you may have an idea that could put money in your pocket.

The Transit Idea Program (TIP) is an updated employee suggestion program which provides opportunities for employees to be creative and to implement improvements which may be beneficial to the riding public.

Individuals must be employees in order to be TIP participants. Part-time employees are also eligible.

All ideas submitted to TIP become the property of CTA. Awards will be made only if an idea is accepted and implemented.

If the same idea is submitted separately by two or more employees the one received by TIP first will be the



one considered for the award. On the other hand, where two or more employees submit an acceptable suggestion together the award will be divided equally.

A previously rejected TIP idea may be re-submitted with the addition of new facts. All decisions made by TIP are binding.

If you have an idea for TIP see your supervisor for the proper form and submit your idea for consideration; it could earn you extra cash.



March Anniversaries

40 Years

Marie Coari, Payroll Operations

35 Years

Howard Means, 69th Street
Calvin Pollard, Civil Engineering

30 Years

Arthur Bennett, Bus Personnel, South
Terry Culkin, Engine Rebuild
James Person, Building Maint., South

25 Years

Joseph Bennett, Trans. Training. Center
Anthony Berry, Ops., Comm. & Power
Curtis Coleman, Kedzie
Ricky Chubb, 103rd Street
Norris Evans, Computer Operations
Austin Forte, 77th Street
Mario Garza, North Park
John Gill, South Warehouse
Steven Jackson, Rail Terminals W/S
Gaspere Lombardo, Forest Glen Maint.
Everett McBride, Bus Instruction
Richard McCallister, West Shops (7-2-89)
Ronald McIntyre, Lawndale
Michael Moore, Bus District B
Allen Nelson, Jr., O'Hare
James Zepp, Rail Instruction

Commendations



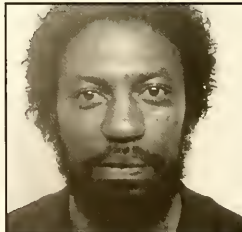
Brenda Curtindolph

(O'Hare terminal) was praised by Donald Jennings, who works at city hall. "Riding late one night on the O'Hare line, I observed a rough-looking man get on and sit next to an old lady, even though there were plenty of empty seats. The conductor walked over to the lady and took her by the hand to a seat next to her. Then she made a general announcement advising passengers to be careful of their belongings."



Sergio Villanueva

(No. 151 Sheridan, North Park garage) was appreciated by Jack McCarey, of LaGrange, for his courtesy as operator of a bus leaving Union station. "A number of elderly ladies boarded. They fumbled through their purses, looking for the exact fare, while asking questions. He was courteous, polite, understanding and helpful. When I commented about him to a woman who appeared to be a regular rider, she said, 'He's always like this.'"



Darnell Williams

(No. 28 Stony Island, 103rd Street garage) won the approval of Victoria Ryan, a public relations person who regularly rides his bus to her job at Chicago State University. "I can depend on him when I travel to and from work. He never neglects to call out the stops, and always greets the passengers when they board the bus. Furthermore, he is patient and pleasant to ride with. He gives us all a reason to go through the day happy and in a good disposition."



Tonja Collins

(No. 53 Pulaski, Lawndale garage) was complimented by Mrs. D. Alexander, who was visiting from Glen Burnie, Maryland, for "a most wonderful and enjoyable bus ride. She answered all of our questions about the city, and gave us a guided tour as we rode down Pulaski. She was very well groomed, polite, and knowledgeable. I have never been on any type of public transportation where the operator was as friendly and informative as she was."





February Retirements

Lawrence E. Beemsterboer,
Fac. Mtce., 22 years
Elton Branch, Pers. Admin., 14 years
William C. Chamerlik,
Fac. Mtce., 31 years
Charles W. Coffey,
Fac. Mtce., 29 years
Edward L. Duckworth,
77th Street, 27 years
Raymond L. Eggebrecht,
Bus Mtce., 25 years
Walter J. Feulner, Mtce. Admin., 28 years
Sidney Goodman, Fac. Mtce., 27 years
Robert L. Hicks, 77th Street, 31 years
Charles R. Kehoe, Bus Mtce., 31 years
Paul W. Kolsch, North Park, 35 years
Lee M. Lampley, 103rd Street, 25 years
Robert W. McCarthy,
Purchasing, 45 years
Anthony C. Nicholson, Kimball, 25 years
John E. Powers, Gen. Atty., 25 years
Curtis B. Ross,
Ops Planning/Sch., 30 years
Gerald P. Schwuchow, Archer, 25 years
Karel Sloomans, Jr., Fac. Mtce., 31 years
John P. Smith, Claims, 34 years
John G. Weber, Jr., North Park, 36 years

Disability Retirements

Ronald Bollinger,
Fac. Engr/Mtce., 15 years
Yan Borochin, Eqt. Engr./Mtce., 10 years
Robert M. Bracken,
Mtce./103rd Street, 11 years
William M. Ramos, North Park, 13 years



In Memoriam

Ashland trainman Hawthorne dies

Randell J. Hawthorne, 34, a CTA rapid transit motorman since 1986, died January 30 at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island following a sudden illness.

Mr. Hawthorne, of Ashland terminal, was a precinct captain in the seventh ward, and was one of several Democratic candidates to run for the First District U.S. House in a special primary in July 1983, after Congressman Harold Washington was elected mayor of the City of Chicago.

Mr. Hawthorne was also a member of the ETA Auxiliary, producers of amateur plays and musicals. Funds from ETA productions were used to benefit underprivileged neighborhood youth.

He belonged to the New Hope Miracle Revival Tabernacle, formerly pastored by his stepfather, Willie McCoy. Survivors include a son, Derrick, a daughter, Chenise, his parents, Rose and Willie McCoy, and a brother, Christopher.



Joan Nathaniel dies suddenly

Joan Jackson Nathaniel, a warehouse worker at CTA's 77th street and Vincennes facility, died Friday, January 26, of injuries sustained in a tragic auto accident on the southbound Dan Ryan expressway.

Mrs. Nathaniel, of Mobile, Ala., was employed by CTA on June 4, 1976, as a ticket agent, and had also worked in the Treasury department.

She was an active member of the Pullman Presbyterian church where she served in the youth department.

She is survived by a daughter, two sons, a step-daughter, four granddaughters; her mother, Mrs. O.C. Jackson; one brother and one sister; and an aunt, Mrs. Rose Mary Jackson.



Frank E. Barker, 65, Oper's Plnng.
Edward S. Corda, 88, North Park
William J. DelaBarre, 100, Transp.
Harold E. Dixon, 75, West Sect.
John J. Dunne, 85, 77th Street
Everett England, 82, Skokie Shop
Eli I. Freedman, 75, Mgmt. Svcs./Trng.
Joseph Garro, 99, Kedzie
Michael J. Gibbons, 88, Skokie Shop
Ralph Gorski, 70, West Shops
Earl V. Hansen, 89, Lawndale
Arthur Harrison, 48, 77th Street
Rudolph J. Holan, 80, Archer
Samuel Ingrassia, 84, West Shops
Andrew B. Jones Jr., 62, Beverly
Louis R. Lesko, 86, Shops & Equip.
Evelyn M. Leu, 74, Datacenter
Clovee Mattox, 65, Kedzie
John E. Messinger, 77, Dist. B
John J. Milan, 73, Douglas
James E. Nolan, 95, North Avenue
Daniel O'Brien, 86, Shops & Equip.
John V. Ogar, 77, Archer
Patrick O'Neill, 63, Skokie Shop
Christopher O'Reilly, 87, 77th Street
Albert A. Pavlik, 75, 77th Street
William J. Pendleton, 80, 77th Street
O. E. Robinson, 75, Utility
George J. Seiler, 88, Real Estate
Edwin P. Stock, 83, 77th Street
A. Strassberger, 80, North Sect.
James P. Terry, 82, 69th Street
William L. Woebel, 86, North Avenue

A Fond Farewell



Bus repairer Willie Griffin (left), Archer garage, is presented with an official CTA retirement wallet by Michael Hennessy, superintendent, bus garages. Griffin, who retired December 31 after 42 years of service, was also presented with memorabilia of the annual Bus Maintenance Rodeo.

After more than 43 years with CTA, Robert McCarthy of the Purchasing department retired February 1. McCarthy had served in the Purchasing department for 22 years. He started with the department as a buyer and progressed to various supervisory positions. His most recent position was supervisor, Vendor Performance. Prior to his dedication to the Purchasing department, he worked in Accounting, Charter Sales, the Electrical department, and the storerooms. Friends and co-workers say he plans to embark on a new career as "Mr. Mom."



Plans set for 1990 bus, rail, ticket agent competitions

Operating employees are encouraged to contact garage and terminal superintendents for 1990 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup or Ticket Agent TieUp applications.

Preparation for the annual competitive events are already underway. Named the 1990 chairman of the Bus Rodeo is **Charlie Hodges**, superintendent, Bus Instruction/Central. Assuming a co-chairmanship for both the Third Rail Roundup and the Ticket Agent TieUp events are **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction, south; and **James Zepp**, superintendent, Rail Instruction, north.

Bus Rodeo applications are being accepted March 5-17. The names of eli-



Charlie Hodges
Bus Rodeo chairman



Arthur Hubbard and James Zepp
Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp co-chairmen



gible applicants for this event will be posted March 26, it was announced, and written tests for the Bus Rodeo are expected to be administered April 2-14.

Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp applications will be accepted at rail terminals March 4-18.

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Bus Roadeo celebrates 10th year

Bus operators will compete in CTA's 10th annual Bus Roadeo this year. In observance of this major milestone, 10 finalists will be added --30 instead of the usual 20-- said 1990 Bus Roadeo Chairman **Charlie Hodges**.

Members of the Bus Roadeo committee are striving to make the 1989 competition one of the most memorable events in the exciting history of CTA Roadeo participation. This year's number of applicants has already exceeded those of previous years. Included in plans to enhance the 1990 event will be the presentation of a championship ring to the winner instead of a trophy.

Hodges noted that ring sizes of each of the 30 finalists will be taken in preparation for presentation of the ring at the July awards banquet.

The names of eligible applicants are expected to be posted in each garage following a screening of records. A written test on defensive driving will be administered to selectees this month.

Uniform attire, CTA standard operating procedures, equipment troubleshooting, precision driving, and course completion time are also major aspects of the Bus Roadeo competition, Hodges said.

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Deputy's message

Occasionally, when I'm asked what the Human Resources division does, I am tempted to respond that our title defines our purpose. Quite literally, we help to provide and maintain the work force—the human resources.

While it is possible to work an entire lifetime without interfacing with some divisions, every CTA employee's career begins with us.

We are a staff of five departments, comprised of more than 91 dedicated and hard-working people. Those departments are Personnel Administration, Management Development and Training, Benefit Services, Labor Relations, and Affirmative Action.

More specifically, we are a service-oriented division. Our mission is to provide whatever support is necessary to all other departments and divisions, with an eye on helping them to meet the Authority's goals and objectives.

We try to do that by helping the Authority to find and recruit the highest quality employee possible for every position available. Each of the other divisions depend on us to help them meet their staffing needs in the most professional and efficient manner possible. Once that's done, the Benefit Services department provides the new employee with a competitive package of health and life insurance and other care.

Approximately 11,000 of the authority's 13,000 employees are represented by 18 local unions. It is the responsibility of our Labor Relations department to ensure that both labor and management are in compliance with collective bargaining agreements, and to handle grievances as they arise. With a staff of 14, the department annually handles more than 1,600 grievances.

On the other side of the coin, the Management Development and Training department provides employees the opportunity to improve their job skills through a variety of courses and seminars. It offers programs for professional employees as well as for maintenance and operating personnel.



James Marshall,
Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources

The Affirmative Action department exists to provide guidance and to ensure authority compliance with regulations regarding equal opportunity as it relates to pay, hiring and promotion. It also serves to inform and educate employees on such things as sexual or ethnic discrimination or harassment.

In just this short synopsis, I think it is apparent that the Human Resources division's role is pervasive and all-important. While our role is very much behind the scenes, the quality of the service CTA provides to the Chicago area is dependent in a large part on how well we do our jobs. People are not just our most important product, they are our only product. We're at your service.

Chairman honors nine for heroic deeds

"Spirit of Chicago" and "Caring to take Action" awards were presented to nine Chicagoans at the March 7 meeting of the CTA board, including seven CTA rapid transit employees, and a bus operator.

Motormen **Porter Bynum** and **Marlene Taylor** of Kimball terminal, and **Ross Franke** of Howard terminal received the "Spirit of Chicago" Award for having interrupted separate attempts at suicide. Two other rapid transit employees honored with the "Spirit of Chicago" recognition were South Side ticket agents **Ramona Robertson** and **Joyce Carbins**, whose recent identification of pickpocket rings on the Dan Ryan rapid transit line led to the arrests of several suspects. Operator **Richard Hoffman** of Kedzie garage earned the board's praise when he alerted police of a robbery in progress on his Roosevelt road bus. Thanks to Hoffman, officers were able to apprehend the suspect.

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** noted that the incidents emphasize the "new spirit of cooperation between CTA employees and the Chicago Police department."

Chicago police officers **Ronald Thomas** and **Michael Williams** also received "Caring to Take Action" awards for their immediate response to Hoffman's alarm.

In another incident deserving of the board's special recognition, Chicagoan **Gary Marcheschi** was cited for his role in guiding CTA's control center to a site on the west side where several men were attempting to



Six employees received the "Spirit of Chicago Award" at the March meeting of the CTA Board. The recipients are (from left) bus operator **Richard Hoffman**; ticket agents **Ramona Robertson** and **Joyce Carbins**; motormen **Ross Franke**, **Marlene Taylor** and **Porter Bynum**.

remove a bus shelter. Marcheschi also received the "Caring to Take Action" award.

CTA board member **John Hoellen** noted that each of the recipients "cared enough about the CTA and its riders to get involved and to do something about each situation."

Nearly 40 employees from virtually every division of the CTA have received "Spirit of Chicago" awards since the program was started in March 1988. Eight other people have been honored with "Caring to Take Action" citations since July 1988.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** presents the "Caring to Take Action" award to **Gary Marcheschi**.



Raleigh Mathis (left), CTA senior manager, Security Service/Police Liaison, stands with uniform patrol officers of the Chicago Police Department who received CTA's "Caring to Take Action" award. They are Officers **Michael Williams** and **Ronald Thomas**. The honorees are also accompanied by **Lieutenant Robert Angone** and **Commander Robert Dart** of the Transit Security Task Force.

Installation of equipment exceeds objectives

The Office Systems OA Project had as its goal the installation of 500 individual work stations over a 3-5 year period. This 500 machine figure was targeted to be a mix of 300 microcomputers and 200 existing mainframe terminals. As of December 28, 1989, 331 microcomputers had been installed. This figure means that the project has installed 10% more than the objective in half the time. "I would compare the OA installation to

building a house," Paul Olenski said. "We laid the foundation, and got the frame up ahead of schedule. Then we put on the roof, hung the doors, and put up the wall sheathing. Now we are faced with the interior work. Over the next year, I see us exploiting PROFS with customized menus, expanded bulletin boards and electronic mail lists, and two document flow type applications. This should keep us pretty busy, but I've got the staff to



do it." The first OA microcomputer, a PS/2 model 60, was installed on December 31, 1987, for Ms. Deborah Grant, Office Systems Project Analyst.



COE System

The M.I.S. department has designed, developed and successfully installed a Code Of Ethics Survey System (COE) for the Executive Director's Office. This is a PC-based system which provides facilities to accurately maintain surveyed employee information, perform statistical analysis for surveys received, identify close relatives of surveyed employees, identify those who have not responded to the survey, as well as report on the surveyed employee and relative information.

Debbie Grant is shown using LOTUS Freelance Plus presentation software.

Welcome

The M.I.S. department would like to welcome aboard Mr. Ken Edwards as our Director of Computer Operations. As a new member of the M.I.S. senior staff, Ken brings sixteen years of extensive data processing experience with him from the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. We feel certain that Ken's abilities will enhance the support and service that M.I.S. furnishes throughout CTA.

The 331st machine was installed at South Shops Bus Maintenance on December 28, 1989.

William Geary, Maintenance Software Support, is shown at the PS/2 Model 70 A21, performing a dBASE III Plus program.



Seven receive 'Day in CTA' honors

Seven operating employees who distinguished themselves and reflected favorable credit upon the CTA by their heroic actions and outstanding performance were honored through the "Day in CTA" program.

Motorman **Ross Franke**, **Marlene Taylor**, and **Porter Bynum**, all of Howard Street terminal, were recognized for being the difference between life and death of another person. Franke heroically rescued a young woman from the tracks at Pratt on the North-South route. Likewise, Bynum pulled a man from the tracks between the first and second cars of his train where the individual had jumped declaring that he intended to kill himself.

Ms. Taylor was praised after she stopped her train, and then restrained another woman from jumping from the train. The incident occurred as the train approached the 63rd and Cottage Grove station on the North-South route.

In still another act of heroism, the quick thinking and alert response of motorman **Ronald Cosley** and conductor **James Steel**, both of the 95th Street terminal, may have avoided injury and loss of life.

A tractor trailer truck crashed through the restraining wall onto the Dan Ryan rapid transit route at 52nd street and landed across both tracks. Motorman Cosley was able to stop his



Bus/rail power controller **George Hand** (left), explains operations of the CTA Control Center to Day in CTA honorees (from left) conductors **James Steel**, 95th Street, and **Rosario Granata**, O'Hare terminal; motorman **Ronald Cosley**, 95th Street, and bus instructor **George Zajackowski**, North Park garage.

train about two car lengths north of the disabled truck only moments before it burst into flames. Meanwhile, Conductor Steel notified the CTA Control Center to remove the power, and provided the necessary information for an emergency crew. The trainmen also assisted Fire Department personnel in evacuating passengers from their train to safety.

Conductor **Rosario Granata**, of O'Hare Terminal, received the gratitude of a female passenger whom he rescued from a potentially dangerous situation aboard his train.

In a letter to a Chicago daily news-

paper, the rider related how she was being harassed by another rider who followed her from "seat to seat maintaining a menacing posture." The conductor came to her aid after observing the situation.

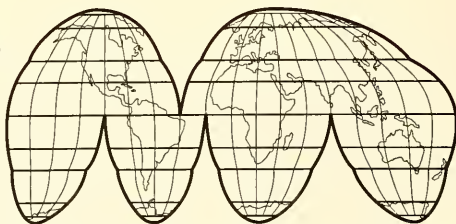
North Park bus operator **George Zajackowski** also received Day in CTA honors for his superior performance as an instructor.

Zajackowski is credited with being "the force" behind North Park's improved safety record. The garage was winner of the prestigious CTA Quarterly Safety Award for the first and third quarters of 1989.



Members of CTA's Operations management team treated Day in CTA recipients (seated) of Howard Street Terminal to lunch at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. The honorees are (from left) **Porter Bynum**, **Ms. Marlene Taylor**, and **Ross Franke**. Standing behind their guests are (from left) **Michael LaVelle**, senior manager Transportation Service; **David Martin**, senior manager, Transportation Personnel; **Sam Smith**, manager, Bus Personnel; **Lino Alcaraz**, manager, Communications/Power Control; **Les Racker**, director, Rail Personnel/South, and **William Mooney**, senior manager, Transportation Administrative Services.

Heritage Activities



"Karamu"

The art, cuisine and history of the African-American experience served as the focal points of the Affirmative Action department's "karamu" (feast) celebration in the general office cafeteria at the Merchandise Mart on February 23.

The program was the second in the department's Cultural Enrichment series designed to highlight the traditions of the various ethnic groups represented among CTA's workforce. It also served as a climax for African-American History Month.

Employees from various departments volunteered their services in a variety of ways. Some provided ethnic dishes while others contributed artwork and traditional clothing for display. In addition, the program featured a lecture by South African native (and CTA employee), **Vusi Ndlovu**, on *The Art and History of Africa*, and their relevance to modern-day America and Africa. **Undra Ware** of the Claims department presented a poem which he wrote on the meaning of history. **Lois Johnson** of Capital Development sang songs from the Billie Holliday catalogue, and **Ervin Harris** of Transportation led

assembled participants in the singing of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Artistic displays of genuine African artifacts were also provided by (non-employees) Joel Nwosu and Cheickche Valla Sambe. In addition, video tapes on historic and current African-American political figures were presented by Debra Taylor of the Black Economic Network.

"There was an exceptional outpouring of volunteer efforts for this event," notes **Aida M. Galarza**, manager of Affirmative Action. "I was pleasantly surprised by the sheer volume of items and foods presented. We were very happy with the number of employees who wanted to take part in the preparation of this

event. We attempted to present an informative, as well as entertaining, program."

Other observances are planned for this year during which samples of art work, history and traditions of each culture can be displayed for everyone's enjoyment. The success of these events depends largely on the volunteer efforts of CTA employees who contribute their time, expertise and materials for the programs. It is this type of cooperative spirit that ensures the programs' success.

Employees interested in learning more about the Affirmative Action department's **Cultural Enrichment Program** may contact Ms. Galarza on extension 3520.



This painting of the late Mayor Harold Washington is the work of CTA claims representative and artist **Daniel Montrel**. Other paintings are the work of award winning artist Kevin Bell, the son of CTA mail clerk **Patricia Marshall**. The African-American literature was provided by CTA employees representing various work locations.

Vusi Ndlovu, a native of South Africa who works in CTA's Capital Development department, lectures on African history, culture and art.



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Fulton Nealy

54TH SHOP



Repairers:
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Dominic Nicosia
Steve Blanton
Jose Barcenas

WILSON SHOP



Repairers:
Jorge Sobenes
Keith Anwar
Lucas Lugo

ROSEMONT SHOP



Repairer:
Rafael Berovides

RACINE SHOP



Repairers:
James Ogletree
Robert Gorman

KIMBALL SHOP



Repairer:
Juan Gonzales

HARLEM SHOP



Repairer:
Joseph Szoldatits

98TH SHOP



Repairer:
Terrance Duncan

***Thank you
for a job
well done!***



ON THEIR TIME



Reading tutor enjoys 'giving something back'

"I come from a big family, so helping others is something to which I've grown accustomed. The older brothers and sisters in my family always helped the younger ones. Besides, I enjoy what I'm doing. After college I felt that I needed to give something back, so I joined the literacy program as a tutor."

Of his role Ramos said, "There are people in this program from all walks of life. Many of them have made it a long way and perhaps without their employer, friends or family knowing their secret. They are anxious to be helped, and I want to be there to help."

"As I see it, we are all in this together because

we must all live and work together. I try to get to know the student and to make the person comfortable as we work toward the goal of learning to read. I do whatever I can to help the person reach that goal."

Ramos attended three required orientation sessions at the public library before he was ready for his first student. Included in his innovative reading material has been a CTA route map which he used to help one

student who holds a job as a messenger. "The CTA map was practical both as a guide for reading and for learning about the city," said Ramos.

Those who seek help through the program are generally people who have raised families—people who are working every day, but somehow have been able to function well in spite of not being able to read. "Progress is slow," says Ramos, "primarily because there is so little time to devote to the program—only one day a week for a year by students or tutors, who must juggle busy schedules to participate in the basic reading program, but, it is rewarding. When a student tells you, 'now I understand' and when you can see that sense of understanding—that gleam in the eyes of the person you're tutoring, it's a good feeling." Ramos says his goal is to impart a positive influence which allows the student more personal independence and increased capabilities.

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Anyone interested in tutoring in the Adult Basic Reading program should contact the Adult Educational Services (Study Unlimited) unit coordinating office in the Chicago Public Library Administration building, 1224 West Van Buren, telephone 738-7787.

The Adult Basic Reading program sponsored by the Chicago Public Library has given Andrew Ramos, special projects assistant in CTA's Treasury department, "the chance to give something back."

Ramos, who by appearance seems younger than his 28 years, studied philosophy and computer science at Northwestern University, where he earned a baccalaureate degree in 1988.

Tuition Aid student of month

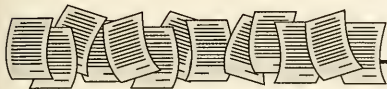


One who is always interested in poetry is April's "Tuition Aid Participant of the Month." He is Undra Ware, a utility clerk in the Claims department.

Ware, a second year student at Harold Washington College, had his big moment at the recent "Karamu" festival held in the CTA employee's cafeteria at the Merchandise Mart.

Those who attended the program no doubt remember the poem and the poet. The aspiring writer has maintained a "B" average but has set an "A" average as his goal.





Commendations

**Shahid
Abdullah**



(No. 87 87th, 77th street garage) was commended by Doras Yates, who rode his 87th street bus from the Dan Ryan 'L' station toward her home on Dobson avenue. "He was not only neat and well-groomed, but courteous as well. He showed concern for his passengers, and displayed very safe and good driver skills. People like him are exposed to all kinds of personalities and abuse, and should be made aware when they are appreciated."

**Luvenia
Hare**



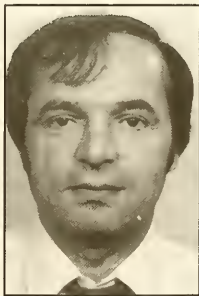
(King drive, Agents South) was complimented by Carrie Muse, of Maryland avenue. "She's quiet, works rapidly, and has a pleasant expression. She appears to like her job. I've never heard her argue with anyone passing her window. She seems to be very efficient, and able to handle the large number of people who transfer there from bus to elevated service. Riders appreciate employees like her. They help to make our day."

**Barry
Gay**



(No. 80 Irving Park, Forest Glen garage) was appreciated by Timothy Cullerton, who rode his bus enroute home after working late at City Hall. "He said 'Thank you' after I boarded his bus and paid my fare. He called out the name of each street as we approached. No one was waiting at Lamon, and the traffic signal was green. He could easily have continued on, but he saw an elderly woman running toward the stop, and he waited for her."

**Zdravko
Lakic**



(No. 36 Broadway, Limits garage) was called "outstanding" by Lily Venson, of North Lake Shore drive. "He maneuvered with great skill in heavy traffic with his bus packed with people. He gave special attention to each person who got on or off the bus, answering all their questions with thoroughness and patience. He showed concern for their safety, while at the same time putting everyone at ease with his sense of humor."

MDT adjusts programs to accommodate needs

The Management Development and Training department has added a Time Management program to its varied curriculum. Participants in the first new course session presented February 7 by program coordinator **Brian Marshall**, have suggested that the course be taught at various work sites. Plans are to offer the course six times this year as a full-day program.



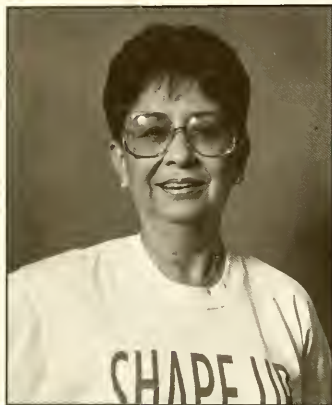
Collete Zogg, formerly of Operations Training, joins **Joyce Hill-Cooper** as a co-facilitator presenting the popular "Put it in Writing" course. Ms. Zogg is a former English teacher. Her first session starts May 3.

MDT superintendent **Mary Ann Bridges** said the department also plans a new employee orientation program with the starting date to be announced. Other scheduled classes are: "One-Minute Manager," April 18; "Time Management," April 12, and "Middle Management," May 2.

Enrollment for all classes is on a first-come, first-served basis. Unaccepted registrations will be returned to applicants for re-submission the following session. Registration and inquiries are handled by **Sylvia Flores** on extension 3571.



INSIDE NEWS



Ginny says thanks for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

By now you've probably forgotten that you participated in the 1989 Cystic Fibrosis Workout unless you're still feeling the effects of the workout (in which case, you need help), or filed your 1989 income tax return recently (deductible charity). Anyway, Ginny McGraw of Skokie Shops thanks you for your support. At year's end McGraw, who has a special interest in Cystic Fibrosis, hit the bricks for her favorite charity as is her custom, and so many CTA friends dug deep.

Some of us were left out because we just didn't get the word, but we're shaping up for next time as enlistees with Ginny against this terrible malady.

Says McGraw, "I want to thank everyone who pledged for my Cystic Fibrosis Workout. I received over \$1,100 in pledges, then some of you decided to give more, so in all I collected \$1,222.25."

Special thanks goes to Tom Boyle, Roy Hansen, Fred Lonnes, Mike Navarro, John Perkins, John Soprych, and Willie Wong for their extra efforts.

All-American candidate

Our congratulations to Robin Hasemann, a junior at Western Illinois University, and the daughter of Robert J. Hasemann, Sr., of Northlake, superintendent of bus maintenance, 69th street garage. Miss Hasemann is a WIU basketball All-American candidate, and of course her dad is poppin' buttons. His daughter who stands six feet, and plays forward, has been the scoring and rebounding backbone of WIU's women's basketball team since her freshman year. Miss Hasemann's success includes: 1989-90 All-American honorable mention by Street and Smith's College/Prep Basketball guide, All-Gateway Conference first-team pre-season pick, 1989 First-team All-Gateway, and 1988 Gateway Conference Freshman of the Year. She has scored 60 of 69 games in double figures, played 44 games with better than 50 percent shooting from the field, and 22 games with better than 60 percent shooting from the field. WIU coach Kelly Hill said of Robin Hasemann, "She's been an impact player from day one here. Her presence on the floor can make a difference in any game."



Ryan on board Generations set

Steve Ryan, 26, son of CTA Media Relations special projects coordinator Bob Ryan, is the new assistant art director for the NBC soap, "Generations," a story about a Chicago family.

Ryan, formerly an intern with NBC, rejoins the network after a brief stint with "Landmark," designers of theme parks in Japan. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois' Theater of Arts school where he earned a degree in interior design.

Congratulations! To the Lopez family



Gabriel



Gustavo

St. Barbara elementary seventh grader Gabriel Lopez, 12, the son of Gus and Evelyn Lopez, was a finalist in Fifth District Congressman William O. Lipinski's recent All American Boy and Girl Program. Sharing the older sibling's limelight is 11-year old Gustavo, a sixth grader, and their sister, seven year old Nadia, a second grader, who is the recent blue ribbon first prize winner in a school essay contest. Their proud dad, Gus, is a rapid transit conductor assigned to Harlem terminal.



Nadia

Congratulations! To the Bell family



Another young author, Byron L. Bell, 11, is the winner of a poetry contest which earned the entire Bell family a pass to the Great America Amusement Park. Bell is the son of 98th Street shop car

servicer Layman Bell, and ticket agent Charlotte Brent Bell, of Kimball terminal.





Retirees

Rail controller Booker retires



Rail controller **George Booker** received a hearty farewell in the control center during a retirement reception in which he was recognized for his 35 years of CTA service. Co-workers gave Booker a cash gift. As he closed out his transportation career, Booker, a first sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve's 1/337, Third Brigade, 85th Division Training in Arlington Heights, also joined the ranks of military retirees after 24 years of service. A former marine, he was a member of the Army Reserve for 16 years.

36 years for Maintenance Foreman

Maintenance foreman **Thomas Moore** of 103rd street garage retired January 1 after 36 years of service. Moore, who enjoys the great out-of-doors, and his wife Renee, relocated to Shepardsville, Ky. Co-workers presented Moore with a jacket and several maintenance rodeo incentive awards as he closed his CTA career.



15 years for Communications Engineer



Bob Brown, a communications engineer for 15 years, joined CTA's retirement rolls in January. Brown is accompanied here by his wife Margaret at a reception in his honor which was held in the Engineering department's conference room.

Other March retirees

Edward J. Barrett, 77th street, 33 years
Joseph J. Birmingham, 103rd st., 30 years
James A. Christman, 77th street, 30 years
Robert W. Clemons, Lawndale, 32 years
Laverne F. Feuling, Limits, 4 years
Mario Garza, North Park, 25 years
James F. Haworth, Jr., South Shops, 28 yrs
Thomas C. Houston, 69th street, 30 years
Joan D. Johnson, Mgmt. / Bdgt., 15 years
Nelson E. Machado, Forest Glen, 14 years
Dorothy E. Milanetto, Kimball, 20 years
Everett E. Odle, Forest Glen, 38 years
Donald J. O'Sullivan, Claims, 40 years
Joseph D. Roque, Forest Glen, 33 years
Edward Ross, Jr., Kedzie, 33 years
Frank Ruggiero, South Shops, 7 years
Salvatore A. Salerno, Lawndale, 21 years
Carl Sims, West Shops, 38 years
Morris Ticker, Forest Glen, 26 years
Joe L. Weatherspoon, West Shops, 32 yrs.

Disability Retirement

Lillian M. Bass, Ashland, 11 years
John L. Cousett, Financial Services, 22 yrs.
Janet Halley, Harlem/Lake, 13 years
Derek D. James, Ashland, 12 years
Florine Miller, West Shops, 14 years
John L. Newby, 103rd street, 22 years
Donnie Ray Reeves, Forest Park, 20 years
Cassandra Seay, Limits, 10 years



Anniversaries

35 Years

John Woodson, 77th Street

30 Years

James Briley, Kedzie
James Paulson, Utility
James Haase, Grant Accounting
Carmen Pacella, Claims
Alphonso Young, Forest Glen

25 Years

Tyrone Brown, Ashland/61st/95th
Ernest Sanders, Ashland/61st/95th
Arthur Campbell, Forest Glen
Arthur Berlinguette, Forest Glen
McKinley Palmer, Bus Inst.
Thomas Brandon, 54th Maint.
R.C. Jackson, Kedzie
Joseph Mazarka, Jr., South Shops
Donald Berge, South Shops
Joseph Kenny, South Shops
Thomas Burian, South Shops
Ronald Bedoe, Elec. Con. & Sys. Mtc.
Jordan Washington, Systems Spc. Mtc.
John Coyle, South Shops



Memoriam

Vernon C. Allie,
81, Forest Glen
James Baker,
79, Maintenance
Arthur F. Carlson,
87, Stores
Floyd T. Creal,
81, North Avenue
Daniel DeBuono,
69, North Avenue
Herman J. Dreyer,
91, 52nd Street
Anna M. Garrity,
73, Materials Mgmt.
Carmelo Giarrizzo,
94, W & S
Martin F. Griffin,
84, S & E
Frank Grimaldi,
71, North Avenue
Dewey Hill,
68, 61st Street
Ernest A. Hill,
84, 52nd Street
Charles M. Huber,
68, District "B"
John N. Jacoby,
85, District "D"
George Johannes,
81, Schedules
Andrew L. Johnson,
51, Personnel Admin.
Charles L. Johnson,
70, 77th Street
Walter J. Klempier,
85, Engineering
John F. Matuszewski,
73, West Section
Rocco Milella,
91, Constr/Maint.
Kevin O'Flaherty,
68, Forest Park
Harold E. Rennhack,
83, North Avenue
Carl E. Sandberg,
82, North Park
John P. Schroeder,
75, West Section
Joseph B. Smith,
86, 77th Street
Dorothy V. Wayner,
66, Douglas Terminal



Perfect attendance earns kudos at 103rd street

Thirty bus maintenance personnel at 103rd Street garage have received special recognition for perfect attendance, it was announced by Michael E. Hennessy, maintenance superintendent, South.

Topping the list were bus servicer **Fred Klotzbucher**, and repairer **Paul Klotzbucher** who were each honored for seven years of service with perfect attendance. Assistant foreman **Dominic Nicosia** was recognized for four consecutive years of perfect attendance.

Repairmen honored for three years of perfect attendance were: **Melvin Tolliver**, **Kleo Zaharopoulos**, **Kelly Miller**, **Sam Washington**, and **Ben Wills**.

Assistant foremen **Michael Griswald** and **Derek Smith** were among employees recognized for two years of perfect attendance. Others in this group were: repairmen **Eugene Jefferson**, **Bruce Jordan**, **Alan Lewis**, **Darrell Lewis**, and **Kenneth Pooran**; servicers **Donnie Brown**, **Isaac Morales**, and **Mike Piowar**.

Receiving kudos for a year of perfect attendance were repairers: **Gilbert Gonzalez**, **Leonard Hill**, **Elmore Carthans**, **Sol Contreras**, **Thomas Hummel**, and **Frank Ambers**. Servicers honored were **Wadell Haynes**, **Tony Walker**, **Leon Buford**, **Johnathon Rivers**, **Hilario Pagan**, and **Dan Glinski**.

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CTA board appoints Alfred Savage executive director

CTA chairman Clark Burrus (left) presides Alfred H. Savage (right), newly appointed CTA executive director, at press conference following the official appointment at a special meeting of the CTA board

Alfred H. Savage, CTA's newly appointed executive director, told members of the Chicago Transit Authority's board that he will attempt to make CTA the best transit property in the country. He noted that the safety of the system already appears to be the nation's highest.

The 60-year-old former executive director of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority in Buffalo, N.Y., began his \$149,000 a year job as CTA's new top executive officer on May 1.

"I can't think of anyone better to lead us through the uncharted waters of the '90s than Alf Savage," said CTA Chairman Clark Burrus as Savage's appointment was announced at a special March 30 board meeting. The new executive director, who is a native of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, was extended a three-year contract.

As head of the NFTA where he also served for three years, Savage was responsible for administering all subway, bus and rail services, two international airports, the Port of Buffalo, and a large land portfolio.

Prior to joining NFTA, he was chief general manager of the Toronto Transit Commission for six years, managing all aspects of operation, planning and construction. The TTC is the largest transit system in Canada, with a staff of 10,000 and over 400 million riders annually.

The new CTA chief executive officer said he anticipates no major personnel changes. "I do not play favorites, nor do I plan to play favorites," he said.

Each member of the CTA board expressed confidence in the selection of Savage and pledged support for the new executive director.

CTA Chairman Clark Burrus said of Savage, "He has all the qualities an executive director must have to lead us into the 1990s—a track record of success in transportation, 30 years of serving local government, integrity, and the personal drive to get the job done right."

Savage has earned a reputation in his public career for being "a people person" and for leading by example. "There are a lot of bright, able men and women in our transit systems, and my job is to bring out the best in them," he said. He also said he brings that philosophy to Chicago.

Savage studied at the Niagara Falls School of Horticulture and the Sloane School of Urban Studies of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

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Executive's message

I am proud to share some insight concerning our security force with our CTA employees. Through my experience in the work environment I've learned that often what we don't know can truly hurt, or at the very least give us a misconception.

To many of our fellow employees, security is strictly "cops and robbers." Nothing could be further from the truth. Security is a safe and secure work environment. At CTA there are three components to providing a safe and secure environment which are passengers, employees, and people who disrupt our safe and secure workplace.

Our mission in the Security Services/Police Liaison Department is to identify problems on our system and supply or apply resources to alleviate and solve the problems. Problems have many faces, from turnstile jumping to crimes of a more violent nature.

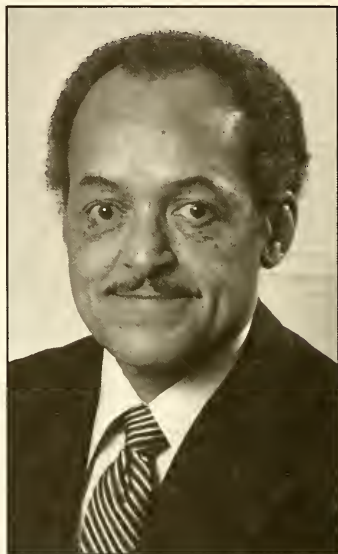
Some of the resources which we utilize include the Chicago Police Department, particularly the Public Transportation Section; the Voluntary Secondary Employment Program (VSEP), in which off-duty CPD officers are hired to patrol in squad cars over selected routes, and National Canine Security, Inc., a private agency whose personnel, accompanied by security dogs, patrol various CTA rail lines and other CTA facilities on a rotating basis.

We also employ the talents of G.E.J. Security, Inc., a private unarmed security agency whose personnel patrol our work facilities and shops. The vigilant efforts supplied by these resources contributed to a 40 percent over-all drop in CTA criminal incidents in 1989.

WHOA! Don't think this has been a one-dimensional effort. It took passengers reporting crime, CTA employees looking out for crime and patrol forces diminishing the opportunity to commit crimes and responding in a timely manner to bring about this reduction.

Since I have taken the position of Senior Manager, Security Services/Police Liaison in the last 15 months, the request for our services has consistently increased.

Our immediate staff is small in terms of personnel, but our efforts are mighty, and we do our part to protect CTA riders and employees.



Raleigh Mathis
Senior Manager, Security Services/Police Liaison

Security and rider protection are key words in our vocabulary, but the application of available resources remains paramount. Recently, under Illinois Senate Bill 255, extra funds were allocated and appropriated for security needs of the Chicago Transit Authority. As these funds become available, innovative security programs will come into existence.

Two such programs are the Camcorder Pilot program on buses and the Closed Circuit Television Cameras Monitoring program for the downtown subway stations.

Security is high profile at CTA. As we progress with new programs, I would like to be able to inform you of these events. Certainly, continued vigilance on everybody's part will insure CTA riders and employees that the 1990's will mean safe and secure travel to work, business pursuits, or leisure for all. In all we do here in Security Services/Police Liaison, our actions are guided by our motto, "Courtesy is contagious."



Ron Weslow of CTA's Marketing department visited several Eastern seaboard cities by way of Amtrak and transit in October 1989. We felt that his transit recollections would be of interest to our readers.
story by Ron Weslow

On the (rail) road with Ron Weslow



ON THE CAPITOL LIMITED

Best Overheard Conversation: "I was in Candlestick Park for the first game." ('89 World Series) "Really? Who won?"

Best Coincidence: Fellow traveler says: "My friend said to look him up if I was ever in Chicago"...and hands me a CTA executive's card.

2nd Nicest Views: From the dome car, snaking through the mountains in the early morning mist, alongside the Potomac river. Can't get here by car.

CAPITAL CITY

Most Splendid Terminal: Washington's Union Station. A perfect combination of restoration and adaptive use, where train riders, shoppers, and sightseers coexist happily by design.

Easiest Subway to Use: Washington's Metro. Add color-coded lines, common-use graphics, and large, lighted maps, and you have a system that's so simple, a tourist family could learn it in minutes.

Transit and the Rich: Overheard from a jewel-bedecked woman leaving a Baroque concert in Georgetown—"Hurry—The Metro bus leaves here at 11:10pm"—Would I hear this at our Orchestra Hall?

2nd Best Coincidence: The cab driver who grew up near Peterson and Western in Chicago, and rode the Ravenswood L (my line) for years. He spoke French, German, Spanish, Russian...and English. Quote: "I found I got bigger tips when I spoke their language."

Found in the Washington Post: An entertainment section article telling readers to park their cars at Metro stations and take trains to upscale nightclubs. Yuppies riding subways at night? Imagine that. *I saw it.*

ALL ABOARD AGAIN

Fastest train: Amtrak Washington to Philadelphia—120 MPH. Amtrak carries more riders than the airlines in the New York-Washington corridor.

It's The Little Touches: The snack bar ran out of cups after leaving Washington. So at Wilmington, our conductor dashes across the platform to another train and comes back with plenty.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

Best Transit Ride: The Norristown line—similar to the Skokie Swift. We rode the nation's oldest operating transit car—a 1915 Brill interurban. Coming back, a familiar face—CTA's 6000 series, but with on-board fareboxes and bellcords. A fun, fast, scenic ride.

Most Impressive Transit Station: Market East. They connected several commuter lines and added a stop under downtown's vertical mall. Imagine running all Metra lines under Water Tower Place, and you get the idea.

Best Streetcar Ride: From 69th St. to Philadelphia suburbs. Like streetcars in general, smooth, swift, and silent—but add fall colors and the sunset through wooded areas, and we have a winner.

Most Prophetic Sign: In one suburb—"Yield to Trolleys." In many US cities, they're doing just that—building new light rail systems to replace inadequate bus service. What goes around...

ESCAPE TO NEW YORK

On The Way Up: The New York subway—No graffiti on any train. New and rebuilt cars. Working air conditioning. Remodeled stations. Fresh paint. Good graphics. Frequent service. Tremendous progress in just 5 years.

Best Transit Ad Campaign: In the Big Apple, telling about major subway improvements. They end with the tag line: "The Subway. We're Coming Back. So You Come Back." Ridership is up 14% on some lines. Bravo!

My Kind of Directions: Ask how to get somewhere, and the reply is invariably in terms of subway routes or stations. As if everyone rode the subway. They do. It's a wonderful life.



BANNED TO BOSTON

Best Amtrak View: New Haven to Boston. Shoreline, beaches, classic New England towns. People waving as the train went by. No sign of Dick Van Dyke at the New Rochelle commuter station.

T for Two...and Millions More: Boston is a transit lover's city. The "T," Boston's CTA, runs streetcar subways, electric trolley buses, and heavy rail. And transit riders get individual visitors passes, color-coded graphics, restored stations, and a massive rebuilding program.

Best Purchase: Three cassettes containing nearly 200 television theme songs from the 50s to the present. My answering machine is set for life.

Worst Misuse of a Name: These oh-so-cute, rubber-tired, diesel-powered "Trolleys" or "Trolley Buses". Fact: a "trolley bus" is an electric bus, powered by overhead wires. Can't they be sued for historical infringement?

YOU CAN GO HOME AGAIN

2nd Best Amtrak Station: South Station, Boston. They saved the magnificent curved entrance facade and built a new, but classical, interior. And all of this is stunningly illuminated by a sweeping glass wall where the trains await.

Rock While Rolling: The dining and lounge cars of a train encourage people-meeting and entertainment-making. An impromptu concert and singalong occurred on the Lake Shore Limited as we sped through the countryside. Try doing this on a plane or bus.

A Pullman by Any Other Name: It's relaxing to watch the world flash by from your own room on rails. The transition from city to city, from vacation to work, is made easier because of this buffer zone.

End of the Line: How enjoyable to have visited 4 major cities without once having to drive. You can know great cities not only by their museums and neighborhoods, but by their transit systems, as well!

This 69th Street Express runs on Philadelphia's Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority's high speed Norristown line. If it looked familiar it's because the 6000 series train was formerly CTA property.





MTC refines skills critical to success

CTA's Maintenance Training Center at Hawthorne is considered one of the best schools of higher learning for CTA operating and facilities maintenance personnel.

Florence Salus, MTC manager, said the center provides centralized training for bus, rail, and facilities maintenance personnel. "Maintenance training incorporates the basics of adult learning theory into course curriculum development, and provides efficient, and effective direction and structure to our training," Ms. Salus said.

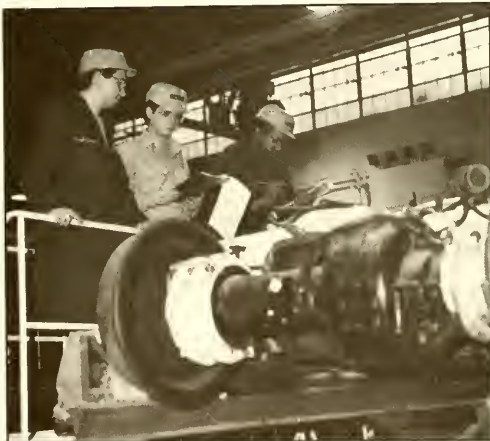
Previously located in Bay One of Lawndale garage, the training center's Hawthorne facility opened last January 15. Besides its offices, the center consists of 10 classrooms, restrooms, locker facilities, and a bay area for "hands-on" training.

Housed in the bay area are some 46 training aids including a heating, ventilating, air conditioning circuit, bus engines, and a simulated track structure.

The major portion of the third floor is occupied by the maintenance training specialists. This section does the research, develops and assembles the course content, program outlines, qualification test and audiovisual enhancements, and conducts pilot programs.

Maintenance training programs may range from basic hydraulics to first aid, and from fire fighting to diesel engine tune-up. Last year, there were 2,025 various programs conducted for 6,894 maintenance trainees. Day, evening and midnight classes are conducted at the Maintenance Training Center to accommodate personnel working all shifts 24 hours per day.

One of the Maintenance Training Department's primary goals is to provide effective training for maintenance personnel at their work locations. This goal is accomplished by instructors with expertise in their particular field (Bus, Rail, and Facilities).



Instructor **Gregory Demitro** (left), monitors hands-on test taken by students **Jan Drekster** (center), and **Lutrell Reneau**. The department trained more than 6,800 trainees last year.

The instructors refine the essential "hands-on" skills which are critical for a successful repairer. Instructors also assist in the development of individual repairer's trouble-shooting techniques.

Training activities are coordinated with bus, rail and facilities managerial personnel through various committees such as the Training Steering Committee, Training Development Review Committee and foremen meetings. The Maintenance Training Center staff also work with CTA's Engineering Department, and various manufacturers in developing effective vendor training for the new bus and rail fleet orders.

Alfred H. Savage

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He is an avid history buff who has written about military history and historical Canadian weapons. He is married and has five grown children and five grandchildren.



Meanwhile, Chairman Burrus also praised CTA Engagement Manager **Bernard Ford** who he said made a "personal sacrifice" when he took on the responsibilities as the agency's chief executive officer over the past 14 months.

Ford first joined CTA in 1956, and remained until he was named general manager of the Regional Transportation Authority in May 1979. Subsequently, he was appointed CTA executive director on June 2, 1982, where he continued until his retirement on July 1, 1985.

Manager notes:

The M.I.S. department has issued its final report of CTA's Long Range Information Systems Plan. The plan was developed with the participation of all CTA personnel involved with revenue service, or revenue service support.

Ernst and Young Consultants provided an objective source of expertise for preparing the plan.

Follow up meetings with plan recipients will provide a means of communicating the plan's contents. Meanwhile, the Information Investment Technology committee is expected to establish priorities and direction for further investments in the use of information technology.



INSIDE NEWS

Tuition Aid student of the month "Lora McKearney"



Lora McKearney, a Capital Development special projects analyst, is an excellent

example of how the Tuition Aid program can best benefit an employee. She is CTA's May "Tuition Aid Participant of the Month."

Determined to complete her education after joining the Authority in 1982, Ms. McKearney enrolled as an evening student at the College of DuPage, and later transferred to North Central College. She is majoring in Management Information Systems, and maintains a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Her husband, Jeff, is a full-time student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity school.

"Although having two students in a family is financially taxing," said McKearney, "my husband and I provide great support for each other, student-to-student."

"The CTA Tuition Reimbursement program has been very beneficial," she added. "It has reduced the cost of my education."

In June of 1991 McKearney and her husband both expect to receive their baccalaureate degrees.

Completes Olive-Harvey academic program

Georgia R. Harris-Bennett, of Personnel Research/Programs, and former composite typist at the Operations Training Center, has completed an extended two-year academic program at Olive-Harvey College. Mrs. Harris-Bennett graduated with honors and earned an associate degree in general studies. She plans to continue her academic pursuits to include a masters program.



Kedzie operator, honored by CACI



The Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry has presented its 1990 "Citizen's Service Award" to Kedzie bus operator Kevin Majors who distinguished himself by his diligent confiscation

of bogus monthly passes. Majors' attention to detail over a long period netted a tremendous savings to the CTA in what otherwise would have been continuous theft of services by unscrupulous riders using the phoney passes.

CTA's first female claims representative

Claims coordinator Elaine McGregor has been appointed to the position of claims representative (Property Damage). The appointment followed her successful completion of an intensive three-week course in automobile damage estimating at the Vale National Training Center in Chambersburg, Pa., a foremost authority in the discipline of damage estimating, and one of the most highly recognized institutions in the nation.

Mrs. McGregor, a CTA employee since 1966, earned her certificate of training with a score of 99 percent, the highest grade achieved by a CTA employee attending the course in 15 years. Mrs. McGregor is the first female CTA employee to train at the Chambersburg center, and to be appointed as a claims representative, a significant achievement for CTA female workers.



A claims representative is required to examine damaged vehicles and determine the Authority's liability, the cost of labor and materials, and the reasonableness of a claim, estimate the salvage market value, and recommend disposition.

Donald Werdell, manager, Claims Evaluation, said the Claims department is very proud of McGregor's accomplishment at the Vale National Training Center. Other female personnel in the department are scheduled to attend the course at Vale later this year.

All Stars end cager season undefeated

CTA's basketball All Stars stopped the Chicago Tribune All Stars 88-74 and then headed for Cleveland for a shoot-out in a three-city weekend cager contest with the Ohio team, Washington, and the Windy City.

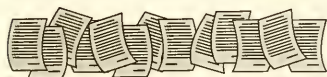
Chicago's A&B squads took all the marbles with the A squad, coached by Arthur Hubbard, of Rail South, defeating the Washington Bus company 39-28, and the B Squad, coached by Arliss Jones, of General Office, topping the Cleveland bus company 54-37. Taking MVP honors were Tony McFadden from Lawndale garage for the A team, and Zeke Rand of Kedzie garage for the B team.

Having earned city bragging rights, the CTA All Stars chilled Chicago's Postal Service in three of the four games played March 18 at the Washington Park Field House.

In the March 30 game at Garfield Park, the CTA All Stars stopped All State Insurance 108-89 in spite of the "at-will" shooting of forward Dwayne Tyus, the experienced professional, of the "Good hands people" squad.

Tyus, who was a free agent with the Chicago Bulls during the 1982 and 1983 seasons, put 45 points through the hoop himself, said Jones, giving credit where credit is due, "He was good, he was darn good. We couldn't beat him, but we beat the team, because we were just too spread out for them."





Operators soothe snowbound riders on sweetheart's day

"...with control and sense of humor ...with skill and know-how ...with patience and professionalism ...with consideration and respect toward riders...with compassion for older people ...and turning a trying ordeal into a memorable experience..."

A sudden, intense snowstorm struck Chicago at midday on Wednesday, Feb 14. Afternoon rush hour traffic was held to a crawl by motorists whose vehicles became trapped or disabled on the city's thoroughfares.

Unable to levitate to avoid the resulting traffic backups, CTA buses could do no more than move with the flow, which wasn't very fast. A number of riders appreciated CTA operators who took the heartache out of the Valentine's Day nightmare. Here are some of their comments:

Debbie McGovern



(North Park garage) won plaudits from Kaye Holman, of North Lake Shore Drive, for "never exhibiting frustration or anger during our three-hour ride and many obstacles" on a No. 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express bus. "In fact, her control and sense of humor were responsible for the 'coping' attitude of the passengers."

Ibrahim Rahim



(103rd Street garage) "deserves an award for his outstanding performance" as operator of a No. 14 South Lake Shore Express bus, according to Catalina Torres, of the Michael Reese Medical Center. "With skill and know-how, he got the bus through. It took a while, but he got past the snow. Never once did he display defeat, but rather composure and skill."

Herbert Ives



(North Park garage) was complimented by Patricia Chavez-Foster, of North Sheridan Road, for "his patience and professionalism" on a No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus. "He was very calm, and I could see the concern he had for everyone on board during my three-and-a-half-hour ride. That night, as we all reached our destinations, we were grateful. He did not show any signs of stress. He just hung in there."

Catrell Carr



(77th Street garage) was appreciated by Barbara Suber, of East 90th Street, who was on her No. 3 King Drive bus for four hours. "People were getting on with all kinds of attitudes, complaining bitterly as if it (the weather) was her fault. She never spoke an unkind word, and tried to accommodate everyone. She kept her pleasant disposition throughout the ride. She was kind, courteous and polite, and showed consideration and respect toward the riders."

Noel Castro



(North Park garage) was commended by Sylvia Meyer, of North Dearborn Street, "for showing compassion for older people using the No. 36 Broadway bus. With the curbs piled high with icy mounds of snow, he made it a point to stop where there was an opening to avoid someone's falling. He also waited until a handicapped man using a walker reached the bus, and assisted the man on board."

Jeremiah Morris



(103rd Street garage) was referred to as "a diplomat" by Marlene McKinney, of Clyde Avenue, who was "one of the last people to squeeze onto his already crowded (No. 14 South Lake Shore Express) bus. We faced an extremely hazardous ride home, normally a 30-minute ride that turned into a three-hour crawl. He exercised well-learned operating skills, and was most reassuring to his passengers, as he never became unnerved in an extremely stressful situation. He turned what could have been a trying ordeal into a memorable experience."





Retirees

Paymaster Person, retiring after 28 years



Darold J. Person, (right), accompanied by his wife, Susan, accepts a token of appreciation from Dennis Sipich, superintendent, Treasury, who made the presentation on behalf of the department's personnel. Person, who was paymaster, began retirement on April 1 after 28 years of service. His plans include learning horse breeding, visiting the track at Churchill Downs, and watching a few ball games at White Sox Park.

On to bigger things after 33 years of service

Richard Koprowski, superintendent, Operations, Field Review, is flanked by his wife, Marge, and their son, Steve, as Mrs. Koprowski slices the cake made especially for her husband's retirement.



Richard Koprowski, superintendent, Operations, Field Review, is flanked by his wife, Marge, and their son, Steve, as Mrs. Koprowski slices the cake made especially for her husband's retirement open house in the CTA board room. Koprowski ended a CTA career of 33 years to begin anew as general manager of the Port Townsend, Washington Transit Authority. Koprowski's Field Review co-workers presented him with a 14 karat gold inscribed pen and pencil set.

Other April retirees

Jose A. Asensio, Madison/Wabash, 14 yrs
Elmer R. Chatman, 103rd St., 34 yrs
Curtis Coleman, Kedzie, 25 years
William T. Haworth, S. Shops, 28 yrs
James F. Heidewald, Archer, 35 years
Richard Koprowski, Ops. Review, 34 yrs

Stanley L. Kubicz, Forest Glen, 41 years
Georgina Lao, O'Hare terminal, 13 years
Clarence Leggett, 77th Street, 27 years
Gerald Mallory, 77th Street, 39 years
Daniel McRedmond, Stores/Sko., 34 yrs
Howard A. Means, 69th Street, 35 years
Jack Moore, North Park, 27 years
Heriberto P. Nino, Limits, 14 years
Darold J. Person, Treasury, 28 years
Vivian A. Robinson, Archer, 26 years
Emanuel Rogers, Mad./Wabash, 21 years
Gabriel G. Schiazza, District D, 39 years
George A. Thurman, Kedzie, 42 yrs
Thomas Walker, South Shops, 10 years
James O. Weeden, 103rd Street, 26 years

Disability Retirement

Ricardo Bonilla, Kedzie, 14 years
Leola Culpepper, Congress term., 19 yrs
Barbara Davis, 69th Street, 12 years
Haywood Jackson, Kedzie, 25 years
Sahey K. Kishore, Howard term., 11 yrs
Leroy W. Tyler, Madison/Wabash, 13 yrs



Anniversaries

40 Years

Willie Kanady, 69th Street

35 Years

Robert Dillard, North Park
Joe Moore, SPC MTC.
Thomas Randall, 69th Street

30 Years

Walter Caston, Bus Pers. South
Samuel Cook, 69th Street
Vincent Gasparaitis, Ele. Con/Sys MTC

25 Years

Edward Brown, Bus Dist. D
Robert Curran, Racine Maint.
Michael Daley, Sys & Planning
Huey Danzie, Bus Dist. D
James Iton, 77th Street
John Long, Ele. Con/Sys MTC
Dale Mangelsdorff, Revenue Equip.
Artis Martin, Jr., Kedzie
Tyree Morris, 77th Street
Collins Scott, 77th Street
Gerhard Schwuchow, Archer
Stanley Szarafinski, Archer
Willus Vivian, Jr., Archer



Memoriam

Elmer P. Aust, 70, West Shops
Frank J. Bartusiak, 79, West Side
Gill Bundley, Jr., 75, Vehicle Maint.
McClinton Corbin, 65, Mad./Wab.
Melvin Dardy, 47, Pers. Admin.
Anthony Delgiudice, 77, Kedzie
Harper Donahue, 67, 77th St.
Charles R. Giltmier, 74, Beverly
Edward Guzik, 68, West section
Frederick Herrmann, 82, Forest Glen
Raymond Janicke, 78, S&E
Oscar Johnson, 62, West Shops
Earl W. Kersten, 63, 77th St.
Albert J. Kiesling, 84, 77th St.
Charles E. King, 78, North Av.
Glenn H. Kinzie, 84, West Section
John Miller, 92, 77th St.
William A. Nehls, 76, North Av.
Robert E. Powell, 74, North Park
Giacchino Turco, 78, S&E
George Wesley, 94, Lawndale
Norman A. Whiteley, 89, Claims
Thomas J. Williams, 85, 69th St.
Joseph F. Zaruba, 99, Trans.

*"I had a thousand questions to ask God;
but when I met Him, they all fled and didn't
seem to matter."*

Christopher Morley,
1890-1957



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Executive's message

According to the Chicago Transit Authority's *State of the Agency* report, delivered at the March board meeting, we as a team are providing better service to our riders now than at any time in our recent history.

Surely every CTA employee has helped in some way to have accomplished this dramatic improvement, but no group deserves more credit than the operating employees: bus operators, trainmen, and agents. Anything less than a full court press by our operating team, and the turnaround would have been markedly less dramatic.

As we welcome Executive Director Alfred Savage, we are entering a new and exciting era in CTA history. Together we are striving to set a new standard for our passengers—a standard which will continue to boost ridership and garner public support through responsible management and conscientious employees. In the months ahead our executive director will visit field locations with me to meet operating and station employees.

As I look at some of the Operations Division's performance statistics for the first quarter of 1990, I see that we as a team have gotten off to a very healthy start. Our operating employees have established the best first quarter ever in the low rate of bus and rail systems accidents experienced. We all have our sights trained on establishing CTA's safest year ever in 1990. There are some areas in which we could make some improvements, but, on the whole, I am convinced that we have the foundation upon which to build the best transit team in the nation.

I believe the kudos bestowed upon the CTA transit team at the recent Transit Appreciation Day ceremony were universal. Not one of CTA's nearly 13,000 employees was left out of the heartfelt appreciation expressed by the dignitaries and spectators who were present. Again, thank you all for an excellent job, day in and day out, especially to the men and women who operate and maintain CTA's buses and trains.

Looking ahead to the summer, the Operations Division's incentive programs are shaping up to be the most challenging and rewarding ever.



Elton Hill
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

The Bus Rodeo champion will win a trip to Houston, and the Third Rail RoundUp winners will travel to Orlando, Florida, for competition at the national level. My senior staff and I look forward to awarding these and other prizes to the Operations Division's finest at the conclusion of the competitions. Good luck to all who have entered.

Some exciting improvements are in the works for later this year: approximately 900 new buses are on order and are expected to be delivered by year's end; a comprehensive study of the Authority's communication system will recommend improvements so that all of our jobs may be accomplished more smoothly; capital projects to replace the rapid transit telephone system and the bus radio system are either under way or will begin this year, and office automation is in full swing through projects such as pick-timekeeping.

In closing, I wish to reiterate my thanks to all CTA employees. Thank you for your part in making CTA the rewarding experience that it is for all of us. It is said that people are a company's best asset. Nowhere is that statement more evident than in a service-oriented industry such as ours. At CTA, especially in the Operations Division, I am proud to work with some of the finest people in the Chicago metropolitan area.



Transit Employee Appreciation Day

Elected officials and transit dignitaries including UMTA Area Director Joel Ettinger, IDOT Director Linda Wheeler, and RTA Board Chairman Gayle Franzen, joined CTA Chairman Clark Burrus at the State Of Illinois Center for Transit Appreciation Day festivities on May 11.

Lawrence Gorski, special assistant to Mayor Richard M. Daley, told the lunch hour gathering, "One of the ways a city is judged is by its public transit system. To ensure mobility for both residents and visitors alike, CTA must be given the resources to ensure safe, reliable, up-to-date transit. For it is still true, as the great Midwestern transit magnate Samuel Insull said nearly 70 years ago, 'You cannot possibly have a great metropolitan city without good public transportation.'"

Mistress of ceremonies Rosemarie Gulley, director, Media Relations, led

the applause for the 93 operating and maintenance employees who were the special guests selected to represent the CTA work force.

Elonzo Hill, deputy executive director, Operations, told the audience, "The real stars are the people who operate our trains and buses, keep them in good mechanical working order, and collect fares. The CTA is vital to our city and most essential to the transit dependent. To those who are fortunate enough to have a choice, CTA is economical and dependable, and one of the safest, if not the safest transit system in the country."

David Hillock, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance, commented, "I want to take this opportunity to thank our maintenance employees for their continued fine performance which is so vital to CTA service."

CTA Chairman Burrus, in his salute to CTA workers, said, "CTA's current standing in the transit industry is in no small measure due to the continued efforts of its employees—in the areas of service delivery, safety, motivation and job knowledge."

"Bus operators, trainmen, ticket agents and station employees not only run the service, they sell it to our passengers. Maintenance employees keep our vehicles and facilities in safe and efficient condition in order to move millions of people daily. There are also hundreds of 'behind the scenes' people who contribute greatly to the excellence of our daily service. All of your jobs at CTA are of vital importance to Chicago. So, to each and every one of you, we simply say 'thanks.' Thank you all for a job well done."

Award earned for financial reporting

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President

Jeffrey L. Euse
Executive Director

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to CTA by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada in recognition of CTA's comprehensive annual financial report.

The certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment.

Ms. Virginia Wendorf, manager, Financial Reporting and Analysis, was also presented with an award of Financial Reporting Achievement for her role as the individual responsible for CTA earning GFOA recognition.

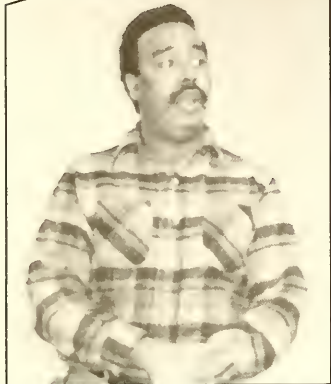
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Ms. Virginia Wendorf, manager,
Financial Reporting and Analysis



ON THEIR TIME



Bus repairman Frank Ambers of 103rd street garage is CTA's singing mechanic. Ambers, a rather modest man in spite of the demand for his talented performance, is a basso who sings with the Lyric Opera.

Since 1982 he has been a chorus member in several operas. His burning ambition is to be the lead singer in a Verdi opera.

"I love anything by Giuseppe Verdi," says Ambers. "One of my

103rd street mechanic enjoys opera success

favorite arias is the *Infelidia* from Verdi's opera, *Ernani*," he says.

Ambers has been a singer since he was a boy. He credits his mother with giving him the encouragement he needed to continue his musical development. He participated in school shows and performed anywhere he could sing after school. Throughout the primary years and about half of the time he spent at DuSable high school, Frank Ambers was singing alto, but when he turned 16 his voice dropped down to the level of a basso.

Four years later, Ambers began a five-year stint of disciplined training with private singing coach Fritzie Siebach. During this period he took jobs singing anywhere he could find work. This included small groups and small opera companies, as well as churches and Jewish temples.

He continued his voice lessons at Roosevelt university and is presently studying voice with Professor Norman Gulbrandsen at Northwestern university.

When the Lyric opened its pro-

duction of Verdi's *Don Carlo* this past season, Ambers was right there to begin his sixth year with the famed Chicago opera company. Since auditioning with the Lyric in 1982, he has sung in Verdi's *Aida* and Richard Wagner's *Der Meistersingers*.

Ambers also lends his singing talents to the Kingdom Building Ecumenical Chorus which rehearses at his home church, Salem Lutheran, located at 74th and Calumet. As one might expect, Frank Ambers is also a soloist in the Salem church chorus, and is frequently called upon by his CTA co-workers to sing at various shop activities such as retirement open house events, and safety award presentations.

Ambers has been a CTA employee for 19 years, but says singing is everything. "It's the way you feel. It's living and breathing and getting along with people." He says that one day he wants to devote all of his time to his God-given talent.

Ambers and his wife Yvonne are the parents of three children and reside in the Chatham community.

Off to a great start

Jim Marshall, deputy executive director for Human Resources, says CTA's 'Transit Ideas Pay' (TIP) employee suggestion program has gotten off to a busy start. By mid-May, the program had received 81 ideas.

Virtually all of the ideas are in some stage of investigation, and are still in the running for awards," Marshall said.

The deputy explained that the investigation process has to be thorough and methodical, thus it often takes a substantial amount of time for an idea to be processed.

"We have to remember that for each TIP that is received, someone in the appropriate department has to be assigned to investigate it, and the

amount of time spent on an investigation depends on the relative complexity of the idea," Marshall added.

When that phase of the process is completed, the idea is sent to an executive review committee, which examines the results of the investigation. "This is to ensure that each idea submitted has been evaluated fairly and accurately," Marshall pointed out. "While it takes time," he continued, "we have to remember that these ideas are just as important to the Authority as they are to the employees who submit them. When an employee submits a winning TIP, everybody wins, so we encourage you to keep those ideas coming."



TRANSIT IDEAS PAY



M.I.S.

BUILDING
BRIDGES

Integrate purchasing, account payable systems

Contracting has been completed with American Software USA, Inc., for the purchase of an integrated Accounts Payable, Purchasing and 3-Way Match System. M.I.S. is looking forward to working with the Purchasing Department, Materials Control and Accounting Systems Departments to implement this important application.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The following M.I.S. employees have achieved success through programs offered by the Management Development and Training Department:

Time Management

John Keil	Paul Olenski
Larry Simpson	Lisa Lenear
Deborah Grant	Donna Pasquesi
Gerald Blair	

Middle Management

Jeffrie Shelley
Kenneth Edwards

Effective Speaker

Robert Bratek
Fred Collins
Patricia Glines

M.I.S. applies new technology to an old transit challenge

Finding your way around a major North American city is no laughing matter these days, and Chicago is no exception. Were it not for the Chicago Transit Authority, residents and tourists alike would have a tough time getting from A to B in the Windy City.

At the CTA, however, it represents another opportunity to apply technology to an old challenge. The Operations Planning department has responsibility for updating any scheduling or route changes that may occur on the system. These changes are then posted in the form of Public Time Tables (PTT), which are available to passengers.

PTT's consist of a map of the affected route and information regarding the changes. Until very recently, timetables had to be prepared manually by typesetting, cutting and pasting, and a host of other time-consuming tasks. Now, with the installation of CTA's office automation and desktop publishing software, including IBM's ImagEdit 2.0, manual preparation of the timetables is a thing of the past.

"Because the PC's in our schedules department are connected to the mainframe, we can download a schedule directly from a mainframe file, select the bus schedules we want, set up the alignment, import it into a desktop publishing system, and then scan in and create a map of the route," says Paul Olenski, director, Office Systems. "Having the ability to scan in those maps, modify them, and distribute them quickly is a real benefit."

ImagEdit 2.0 is IBM's image scanning and editing program for gray-scale and black and white images. Invented by Dr. Arthur Ryman, who works in the IBM Canada Ltd. Laboratory, and developed by IBM Canada, ImagEdit 2.0 runs under Microsoft Windows. We have the ability to scan, enhance and output high quality images when used in conjunction with a desktop publishing system.



Saving time and saving money are two key objectives driving the CTA in its application of office automation tools. The long-term goal is to reduce the amount of paper required to keep the trains and buses rolling.

"We'd like to get into the full-blown use of image technology so we can minimize the production of paper," says M.I.S. Manager Bernard Connolly. "If we could electronically achieve things like purchase order documents using image processing, and couple that with an electronic distribution system to send an image of the document to a vendor, then all the cost and minutia associated with paper goes away."





Commendations

Levester Sago



(77th Street garage) was thanked for his handling of a No. 29 State Street bus by Bob Long, Jr., who works for the city's Office of Cable Communications. "This marvelous driver was kindly, warm and patient with a group of three adults and 12 schoolchildren, some of whom were handicapped. He helped with their fares and transfers, and waited for everyone, especially two blind children, to get securely in their seats before moving off."

Arthur Jordan



(Kedzie garage) was complimented by Sheryl Irving, of West 83rd Place, who rode his No. 52 Kedzie/Columbia bus. "He is very helpful to the blind and handicapped persons who ride his bus, instructing other riders to move out of the seats reserved for their use if they are needed. He is also considerate to riders seeking directions, and he waits for those hurrying to catch his bus if he sees they have not yet reached the bus stop."

James Rivers



(Limits garage) was considered "well-groomed, polite, and an excellent driver" by Elizabeth Kuehl, of North Winchester Avenue. "He knows his (No.135 Wilson/LaSalle Express) passengers, and takes good care of them. The morning starts off brighter as he greets us with a smile and a cheery 'Good morning.' He handles the bus with great control, once preventing an accident when a sports car and a taxi cut in front of the bus to make a right turn."

Morris Ellison



(77th Street garage) was praised by the Rev. John Breslin, of East 91st Street, for helping a female member of his church who was attacked while waiting for a (No. 3 King Drive) bus. "As the bus reached the stop, Mr. Ellison saw what had happened, helped her onto the bus, called for police and paramedics, and tried to keep her calm. He stayed with her until help arrived. All she could say later was, 'He saved my life. I'm so thankful.'"



Anniversaries

35 Years

Ovelton Blanchard, Bus District A
Henry Jackson, 69th St.
Michael Keating, Support Svcs./Rail
Eugene Reid, Gen. Building Maint.

30 Years

Richard Griseto, Power Control
James McMahon, North Warehouse
Richard Power, Kedzie
Hugh Short, Bus Service
Anthony Velcich, Support Svcs./Bus

25 Years

Thomas Alfred, Budget Admin.
Briggs Connell, Jr., 69th St.
Griz Craig, North Park
Jerry Franklin, Rail Services
John Gill, South Warehouse
Melvin Hogan, 103rd St.
Lewis Jackson, Building Maint. South
Spellman Jones, Operations Review
Thomas Kato, Administrative Svcs.
William Kopping, Bus District. B
Duane Kuchenny, Support Svcs./Bus
Walter Mack, Jr. Kedzie
Patrick Moroney, Support Shops
Fred Petrozz, Mech. Maint. So.
Leon Rayburn, Agents, North
William Robertson, Jr., Bus Dist. B
Jack Robinson, Limits
Clarence Ross, Kedzie
Theodore Swider, Vehicle Wiring
John Vanooy, Lawndale
Judith Weier, Accounts Receivable
Willard Willette, 103rd St.

Graduate feature discontinued

The *Transit News* graduate feature, in which photographs of the high school, college and professional school graduating sons, daughters and grandchildren of CTA employees and retirees have been published, has been discontinued.

Black employees association schedules monthly meetings

The Association of Concerned Black Transit Employees, organized in 1987 to address issues of parity and career opportunities for Black transit workers, meets the third Monday of each month at 10615 South Halsted Street. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. Membership is open to employees of all levels, both union and exempt personnel.





Retirees

Herbert Schomer, G.O. credit union secretary, retires

Audit clerk Herbert Schomer, of Operations Field Review, retired last month after 48 years of CTA service.

Schomer, best known to co-workers as secretary/treasurer of the General Office Credit Union, was CTA's second 'most-senior' employee, but without question, second to none among the most popular of individuals in CTA service. More than 1,000 co-workers and former employees joined Schomer and his family at his retirement open house which was held in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart on April 25.

Special guests for the occasion included Schomer's wife of 50 years, Mrs. Rosemary Schomer, their daughter, Mrs. Lu Anne Hart, her husband, Daniel, and their four children. Schomer's identical twin, Arnold, was unable to be present.

Schomer assumed responsibility for the General Office Credit Union's day to day operations in 1964, and nurtured its membership growth from 365 shareholders to a current enrollment of 2,750 members. He will remain with the organization until a successor is named by the Credit Union board.

Jerry Kurowski, director, Payroll Operations, presented Schomer with a cash



gift, season box seat tickets to the Chicago White Sox games, a videotape recorder, and his CTA retirement packet.

Other presentations included gifts from George West, of Schedules, who is also a Credit Union board member, Lee Cherry and Spellman Jones, Operations Field Review supervisors, and Michelle Cash, Claims/Law. Remarks were made by Leon Wool, assistant counsel, Claims Operations.

Members of the open house committee were: Rita Deakin, Jolena Etherly, Juanita Gandor, Dorothy Harmon, Essie Hubbard, Kay Killeen, Jerry Kurowski, Chet Magalik, Ray Pielstrom, Rita Ritrovato, Finola Seider, Linda Torbik, and Linda Walls.

Special thanks to the Treasury department and the Office of the Secretary of the CTA Board for their cooperation and assistance.

Skilled cager moves on with commencement



Commencement 1990 at Northwestern University means the end of an athletic career for skilled co-captain Robbin Garrett, a forward on the university women's basketball squad.

Ms. Garrett, a communications major, is the daughter of Hattie Knazze, executive secretary to Robert Desvignes, manager of rail personnel. As a member of the 1989-90 Wildcat Basketball team, Ms. Garrett is credited by her coaches with possessing a strong baseline drive off fast breaks and getting up the floor well.

Ms. Garrett played in all 28 games of the season, including 22 as a starter, and averaged 7.4 points per game and 4.5 rebounds. She also averaged 9.1 points and 5.3 rebounds in Big Ten Conference play.

A 1986 graduate of Whitney Young High School, Ms. Garrett was among the Honor-able Mention all-state selection by the *Chicago Sun-Times* in her senior year at Whitney Young. She led the Whitney Young Dolphins to a 25-4 record and a spot in the city championship. She was team captain and MVP in her senior year at Whitney Young.



Memoriam

Peter C. Barrett, 71, Rail Veh. Maint.
John J. Corcoran, 74, Forest Glen
Charles H. Dietz, 83, Forest Glen
Michael J. Egan, 83, 77th Street
Lynn L. Francisco, 86, Electrical
Patrick Geoghegan, 81, South Rail
Francis R. Griffin, 72, West Shops
William M. Hill, 80, 77th Street
Eliot Hirsch, 79, Training/Public Safety
John P. Kane, 74, Transportation
Robert Kilpatrick, 66,

Madison/Wabash
Adam L. Knerr, 55, West Shops
Casimir J. Kotara, 65, West Shops
John E. Lerner, 80, Beverly
Russell P. Lipari, 70,

Materials Mgmt.
Arthur E. Luckey, 74, Agents North
John M. Mahnke, 77, Forest Glen
E. Mikolajczewski, 35, Pers. Admin.
Michael O'Connor, 82, Forest Glen
Peter Rechs, 89, Transportation
Robert Sorensen, 80, North Rail
Elmer J. Stokes, 81, Electrical
Julius Tedeschi, 77, North Avenue
Leopold Woskiewicz, 101,

S&E Machinist
Flossie J. Wyer, 97, Kedzie

Other May retirees

David W. Allen, Madison/Wabash, 29 years

Frances R. Arnold, 69th street, 14 years
Clarence D. Baker, 77th street, 29 years
Thomas J. Brandon, 54th street, 25 years
Cordell A. Bruns, 95th street, 33 years
Olan N. Kellogg, Treasury, 32 years
Lovey L. Lands, 95th street, 17 years
Silvino Leon, Kedzie, 14 years
Edward J. Levy, 77th street, 34 years
Rafael Martinez, Skokie, 17 years
Rudolph McDonald, 77th street, 23 years
William M. Melfi, Forest Glen, 28 years
Edwin A. Olender, North Park, 32 years
Garland M. Rhines, North Park, 29 years
Herbert W. Schomer, Ops. Field Review, 48 years

Alfred D. Thompkins, 61st street, 24 years
Jesse P. Tucker, West Shops, 33 years
Jordan R. Washington, West Shops, 25 years

Disability Retirements

Theodore Butler, Treasury, 32 years
Rosa Irizarry, Limits, 11 years
Marvin Jefferson, Limits, 20 years
Fred L. McKinney, 77th street, 12 years
Claudine Ruckes, 77th street, 11 years
Jackolyn Thomas, Kedzie, 11 years
Thaddaeus Tucker, Limits, 19 years



First lift-equipped bus is delivered

The first CTA lift-equipped bus has been delivered and tested, and is now ready for passenger service.

The CTA will receive a total of 491 buses, of which 476 will be fitted with lifts to accommodate the disabled in wheelchairs. These will be the first buses in Chicago to be placed in main line service for transporting the disabled.

The buses are being manufactured by the Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC), of Roswell, NM. at a contract price of \$87,197,681, or \$173,053 per bus. The new vehicles are expected to be delivered to the CTA early this summer.

Each vehicle will provide seating for 39 passengers when there are no wheelchair riders, or 33 seats when two wheelchair positions are in use.



The seating arrangement will have double seats on the driver's side and single seats on the opposite side for better passenger circulation.

The buses will also have sliding windows which open, and hopper-type standee (vented) windows that also open.

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The *Smooth Operators* hold high the first place basketball trophy. The proud team members and their managers are (from left) **David Martin**, senior manager, Operations Personnel; and team manager **Marvin Kelsey**. The players are **Michael Ester**, **Antonio McFadden**, **David Haymon**, **Tony Watkins**, and **Darryle West** with **Coach James Price**.

"A Spirit of Cooperation"

The CTA Basketball and Volleyball Awards Program

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Executive's message

In recent weeks since joining the CTA family, I have had the occasion to meet many of you, and observe the fine manner in which business is conducted, and I have been impressed with the professional caliber of our employees.

The Chicago Transit Authority enjoys a fine reputation, one established over more than 43 years, and a reputation in which you may justifiably be proud, for it is indicative of the CTA work force.

The high standard of excellence established here is evident by the fact that year after year, we continue to exceed our own safety record, making each year the safest year. In our business, safety is one of the most important factors.

I have joined this organization with one primary concern, and that is to help the CTA team maintain its fine tradition of providing the best possible service to the riding public. Foremost in this regard is to carry on an intensive maintenance program, which is the key to the continued success of our operation.

I am sure the operating personnel understand the importance of clean, courteous, on-time service, and will continue to set the example for others in our industry to follow. Our bus operators, train crews, ticket agents and other transportation personnel have a fine reputation, largely due to some of the excellent training available which is conducted on CTA property by our own professional staff and transportation personnel.



Alfred Savage, Executive Director

As I have already stated, in the weeks and months ahead, we will continue to visit various work locations as we become more familiar with this great operation. We welcome your ideas and stand ready to receive you in a spirit of cooperation and teamwork.

It is only in this regard that we can ever expect the esprit de corps so necessary to us. High morale is vital to our mission, and to each of us and our families who depend upon us. Therefore, we depend upon each other as we work together in one of the most important aspects of urban living which is to provide a well regulated, economical, and safe transportation service for the people in the Chicago area.

If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I look forward to doing so soon.



CTA Basketball and Volleyball Awards Program

The Grand ballroom of Chicago's plush Congress Hotel was the site of the 1990 CTA Basketball and Volleyball Awards program.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was **Darryl Lampkins**, of Operations, himself a member of the 103rd Street basketball team during the 1989-90 season.

The event, held Friday, May 25, was an occasion for the presentation of various awards to CTA intramural basketball and volleyball teams, coaches, sponsors, and to individual players for special achievements. Team jackets and other tokens of recognition were also presented to players.

The coveted first place league recognition in basketball went to the General Office Smooth Operators, a first year team coached by training coordinator **James Price**, of Training Development. Coach **Price** was also presented with the Coach of the Year award.

The Smooth Operators team is managed by **Marvin Kelsey**, of 61st Street terminal. Division championship basketball honors went to The Outlaws, coached by **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction, and managed by **Bill Mooney**, senior manager, Operations Administration.

In the Volleyball league, the South Shops Six Pack, coached by **Dave Harlan**, and managed by **Glennis Buford**, and league champions since 1986, were defeated for the coveted title this year by the General Office A.J.'s Raiders, coached by **Arliss B. Jones**, of the Operations Division, and managed by **Fred Mead, Sr.**, of Operations Safety. However, the "Pack" retained divisional first place honors.

In ceremonial style, **David Hillock**, deputy executive director, Maintenance, presented the volleyball league traveling championship cup to **David Martin**, Operation Division's senior manager for Personnel. Martin called the friendly competition an example of the two divisions working together in a spirit of cooperation for positive efforts.

Other basketball awards went to: **Darryl West**, and **David Hayman** of General Office Smooth Operators who tied as MVP of the championship game, and teammate **Tony Watkins**, who was recognized for scoring the most points (25) during the championship game.

The Most Valuable Player award in volleyball went to **Diane Caston**, while **Helen Mesqueda** received the Most Improved Player award. Both are members of the Lawndale Royals volleyball team.

Bernard Jackson of the division champion Outlaws was honored for topping all other scorers in the playoff games, while **Zeke Rand**, of 103rd Street was cited for tallying the most points in one game. Awards for sponsorship were also presented to Amalgamated Transit Union 241 president **Elcosie Gresham**, and president-elect (recording secretary) **Isiah Thomas**.

Assisting with the awards presentations were transportation superintendents **Clark Carter**, **Walter Caston**, and **Lester Racker**, as well as **Arliss Jones** and **Ms. Karen King** of Transportation Services.

Entertainment was provided by the Diamond Jubilee Square Dancers, with 95th Street terminal Superintendent **Ardis Morris**, and his wife, **Mrs Jeannie Morris**, as square dance caller. The group also includes CTA retirees **McClenton Porter**, formerly superintendent, 77th Street garage; and **William Jones**, former director, Rail Janitor Services. Music was provided by The Fabulous Kings with blues singer **Leonteen DuPree** of Administrative Services, and **Herbert Boyd**, of bus service.

The entertainment highlight of the evening was the heartfelt song delivered by singer **Sylvia Morris**, the daughter of **Ardis** and **Jeannie Morris**. Ms. Morris who is also a motorman assigned to the South Section, sang "You Mean More to me than Anyone in the World." The song was dedicated to her parents whostood center floor while she sang to them. The entertainment finale brought the audience to its feet, and left spectators a bit misty eyed.

Fashions were presented by Touch of Class with **Karen Lyke**, of 95th Street terminal, representing Unique Clothing. Models were **Denise Robinson** and **Elani Cook**, Purchasing; **Susan Davis**, Operations, and **Crystal Bryant**, Hawthorne Security. Flowers were donated by **Weatherspoon** and **Sons Florist**.



The first place volleyball team trophy is the pride of the General Office A.J.'s Raiders, coached by **Arliss B. Jones**, of Operations. Members of the Raiders and their management support are (from left) **Marvin White**, **Pam Jones**, **Fred Mead, Jr.**, **David Martin**, Operations; **Derrick Hicks**, **Fred Mead, Sr.**, team manager; **Crystal Bryant**, **Susan Cheek**, **Linia Chrusfield**, **Grace Munson**, **Etzie Williams**, and **Barry Howard**.

Superintendent trainees earn certificates

Twelve new Bus Service and Bus Personnel superintendents were graduated from training after three weeks of theory and six weeks of field experience. The brief ceremony was held in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart.

Recipients of certificates of training as superintendents of Bus Service were: **Michael Sanchez**, **William Edgerton**, **Clemmie Bledsoe**, **Willie Lipsey**, **Hueylon Stewart**, **Merced Davila**, and **Eugene Thurmond**.

Certificates as trained superintendents of Bus Personnel were awarded to: **Ladell Jackson**, **Tim Green**, **John Hardin**, **Willie Otis**, and **Jackie Washington**. The new additions to CTA's management team are added to the superintendent pool. Congratulatory messages to the new graduates were offered by **Alfred Savage**, executive director; **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations; **Michael LaVelle**, senior manager, Transportation Service; **David Martin**,

senior manager, Transportation Personnel; **William Mooney**, senior manager, Transportation Administrative Services; **Samuel Smith**, manager, Bus Personnel; **Ronald Baker**, manager, Service, and **William Thompson**, manager, Instruction.



Graduates of the recent Bus Service Superintendent program displaying certificates (seated) are (from left) **Michael Sanchez**, **J. Merced Davila**, and **Willie L. Lipsey**. Standing are **Ms. Clemmie Bledsoe**, **William Edgerton**, **Eugene Thurmond**, **William Mooney**, senior manager, Transportation Administration Service; **Michael LaVelle**, senior manager, Transportation Service; **Hueylon Stewart**, and **David Martin**, senior manager, Operations Personnel. The graduates have also been assigned to the superintendent's pool.

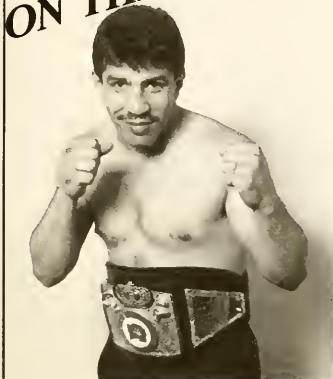


Assigned to Operations Division's bus personnel superintendent pool are these recent graduates of the Bus Personnel Superintendent training. The newly qualified superintendents (seated) are (from left) **John Hardin**, **Willie Otis**, and **Jackie Washington**. Others are (standing) **Michael LaVelle**, senior manager of Transportation Service; **William Mooney**, senior manager, Operations Administration, and **David Martin**, senior manager, Operations Personnel.



CTA employees filled the stands at Comiskey Park on May 18 for the beginning of a CTA weekend at the Chicago White Sox stadium as the Sox hosted the Detroit Tigers. Among CTA baseball fans were (foreground) Property Management manager **Roger Wood**, and his son, **Jeff**, a sophomore at Illinois State University on a baseball scholarship. He is a pitcher for the ISU Redbirds.

ON THEIR TIME



"Pitbull" Luis Mateo wearing his championship belt, is ready for action at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas this month.

If no one told, you'd never know that mild-mannered Forest Glen garage bus servicer Luis Mateo was a seasoned prize fighter with 38 professional bouts under his belt—and some belt it is.

He has held title to the WBA Junior Middleweight championship belt for the past two years. This gold plated, rubies

Forest Glen bus servicer defends WBA title July 20

and diamond studded pugilistic attraction is what he will defend when he steps into the ring at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas on July 20 for the bout which is to be televised on cable vision. His opponent will be either Donald Corey, or Dan Van Horn, an issue at press time yet to be settled between the two contenders in another ring match. "I'll be ready for either of them," said Mateo, known to his fans as 'Pitbull Mateo.'

Mateo's record to date is 34-4. Of his losses, he says only two were by decision. "The other two were due to cuts which made it impossible to answer the bell," he said.

"Getting in the ring for the bout is the easiest part of this business," says Mateo who emphasizes that the tough part is training. "Sometimes I have several sparring partners in one day, and each one of them comes fresh and hard-hitting, so by the time I've finished for the day, I've really had a very tough workout."

Mateo's sparring partners have included such notables as Roberto Duran, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Duran, a welterweight from Panama who cried, "no mas," in his lost to Sugar Ray Leonard, was to have been matched

later with Mateo, but declined for yet another opponent, Mateo said. At 29 years old, Mateo has had a total of 168 fights, of which 38 are professional bouts, and includes matches with junior middleweights Randy Shields, Robert Heinz, and Pepeno Cuevas. "I have been in the fight game since I was nine years old, but I have never had a street fight in my life; it has all been confined to the boxing ring," he said. "Like a lot of people in this game, I did not always spend my money wisely, or put any away for a rainy day. However, things are going to be different from now on. I will not let this opportunity get away from me this time," the young fighter said.

Mateo credits his mother with giving him the courage to press on as a prize fighter, and for keeping him straight. "My mother has been a great inspiration to me," his says of his mom, Anna Ponze, a 16-year CTA bus operator, who is also assigned at Forest Glen garage.

He also credits his success to the excellent care and training he has received under mentors Cesar Pinzon, trainer/security; trainers Pat and Primo LaCasa, George Hernandez, and manager Able Angee.



New responsibility for M.I.S.

The Information Technology Planning and Support area has recently been formed within the Management Information Systems Department. This area was formed on the recommendation of Ernst & Young as part of the Long Range Information Systems Plan to identify the strategic use of current and future information technology. Within this overall goal are several specific objectives:

- Define a network which provides information movement among all departments and the computer architecture, and also satisfies the functional and capacity requirements for departmental and enterprise-wide communications systems.

- Integrate voice, data, video, and image based communications functions.
- Identify proven technology based on national and international standards. This should cover all communication systems as well as any building wiring as necessary.
- Define a planning methodology that addresses the communications needs and growth requirements of the CTA.
- Describe a phased implementation to effectively utilize capital investment and to allow for smooth technology transition.
- Improve coordinative planning, management and evaluation of necessary investments in communications resources, services and facilities.

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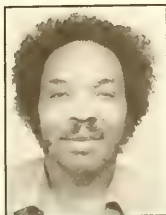
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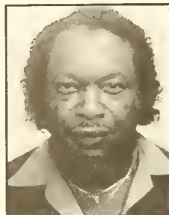
Commendations

Earnest Houston



(77th Street garage) won the approval of Vivienne Smith, of Lafayette Avenue, for his courtesy on a No. 29 State bus. "He crossed the street and waited for a lady with six children to reach the bus. He also waited for an elderly lady who couldn't move very quickly to get off the bus, telling her to be careful. He was kind to everyone, including a young lady who argued with him about a transfer. We need more drivers like him."

Willie James



(North Park garage) was thanked for his courtesy by Irene Sheppard, of Lawrence Avenue. "An elderly man boarded (the No. 155 Sheridan bus) and talked to the driver. He didn't speak much English, and the driver had difficulty understanding him. When he learned the passenger was Russian, he asked if anyone on the bus spoke Russian. Two women came forward and, after conversing with the man and the driver, helped him find his way."

Gordon Purtell



(Forest Glen garage) was appreciated by Fran Murray, the mother of one of four high school students who were attacked on his No. 91 Austin bus by other students. "He had the presence of mind to call the police, who arrived on the scene in a matter of minutes. No one on the bus seemed to want to get involved. If your driver hadn't called for help, the injuries these girls sustained would have been much worse."

Mark Smith



(95th Street terminal) was called "the finest public employee I have ever seen" by Justin Stimson, of West Madison Street. "He seems to love his job (as conductor, Lake-Dan Ryan route). He announces all the relevant information about each stop, tells about the time, weather, etc., and warns about the doors and stepping onto the platform. His voice is clear and happy. This man makes even a dull ride amusing."



Memoriam

Walter T. Barbour, 66, West Shops
John C. Barry, 92, Bus Repair
John F. Boyce, 66, Safety
Herbert P. Braun, 76, Beverly
Stanley M. Churylo, 84, Archer

Floyd H. Deets, 89, Lawndale
Lenore A. DeSutter, 75, Matl Mgmt.
Lawrence Genender, 69, North Sec.
Columbus Gray, Jr., 68, 69th St.
Modest J. Kozak, 50, Central Dist.
John J. Mahoney, 92, North Park
Michelle McCotry, 37, 69th St.
Edward J. Merk, 78, Forest Glen
Paul J. Milkevitch, 78, Mntc.



Anniversaries

40 Years

Philip O'Connor, North Park Maint.

35 Years

Samuel Adams, Jr., North Park
Hillard Derengowski, North Park
James Heidewald, Archer
Willie Pickett, South Shops

30 Years

James Fichter, Rail Inst.
Robert Hargrave, South Shops
John Jarecki, Jr., Bus Svcs.
William Knudsen, Forest Glen
Charles Laskowski, Track Support
Joseph Lazzara, Archer
Joe Mack, Ashland/61st/95th
Ronald Sorenson, Douglass/Congress
Mickey Reeder, Archer
John Ward, Support Svcs/Bus

25 Years

John Aasen, Forest Glen
James Bell, 103rd Maint.
John Deane, Archer Maint.
J. Driver, Rail Sys. Janitor Svcs.
David Ellington, Kedzie
Andrew Gray, 103rd Street
Billy Harmon, 69th Street
Mable Mitchell, Agents South
Thomas Overton, Rail Inst.
Jasper Ragsdell, Forest Park
Leon Richmond, Lawndale
Matthew Spatzek, Skokie Shops
James Terry, Schedules
Joe Turner, Ashland/61st/95th
Cleven Wardlow, Jr., Forest Park
Arthur Watkins, 69th Street
Wilson Williams, 103rd Street
Ronald Winston, Agents West

Walter J. Olenick, 77, S&E
Herbert H. Optergelt, 72, North AV
Michael J. Ridge, 84, North Park
Andrew J. Tyson, 83, S&E
John Veltri, 91, Desplaines Term.
John M. Wiercioch, 81, S&E
Lucy A. Winkler, 99, Acctn. Pylr.



Employees salute Asian-Americans

CTA employees shared in a festival of food, art, and music from the many countries of Asia at a celebration of the contributions of Asian Americans on Friday, May 18, in the General Office cafeteria.

The occasion climaxed the Authority's observation of Asian-American Heritage Week May 13-19.

Like the recent Hispanic-American and African-American programs, the Asian-American fest was organized by employee volunteers and sponsored by the Affirmative Action department. Guests included representatives of consulates of various Asian countries, as well as family members of CTA's more than 180 Asian-American employees. Virtually every Asian country was represented.

The celebration featured brief introductory remarks from **Aida Galarza**, manager of the Affirmative Action department, and **Larry Paek** of Community Relations, who represents CTA in the Korean-American community.

Paek told the audience, "I want to thank CTA on behalf of the Asian American CTA employees for this unique opportunity to share our Asian culture and heritage with our co-workers. Particularly, we want to commend Ms. Galarza for setting this program up. This effort reflects her sensitivity to the need for better understanding and human respect for all the different cultural backgrounds represented at CTA."

"Asian-Americans have made important contributions to our culture," Galarza notes. "I'm pleased that we were able to help portray some of those contributions while providing some worthwhile information to employees. And besides," she adds, "it was fun."

Employee volunteers are encouraged to participate in the cultural enrichment program of the Affirmative Action department which will sponsor the following observances:

Hispanic Heritage (September)
Italian Heritage (October)
American Indian Heritage (November)

Any CTA employee interested in participating in these planning Committees should contact Ms Aida Galarza, manager of Affirmative Action, ext. 3520.



This Thai classical dance, titled "Sadchatree," is elegantly performed during CTA's Asian-American Heritage Week observance, by 13-year old Sirat 'Pookie' Attaphitaya, of Hanover Park.



Jin S. Kim (left), a Revenue Accounting balance clerk, and **Kelly Shin**, accounting specialist with Property Accounting, are serving 'chop chae,' a traditional Korean food made of noodles and vegetable beef. Ready to sample the food is **Reginald Smith**, development control analyst in CTA's Management Information System. Jin and Kelly are both wearing a Korean 'hanbok' dress.



Retirees

Salvatore Aiello, West Shops, 22 yrs.
George R. Barber, Archer, 36 yrs.
Robert Bosco, 69th St., 27 yrs.
Johnnie R. Bourne, 103rd St., 11 yrs.
Eton L. Chaney, Jr., 77th St., 36 yrs.
Dennis W. Coleman, Jr., Ops/Pl., 33 yrs.
Anibal Fernandez, Sr., North Park, 22 yrs.

Stanley Foster, Limits, 21 yrs.
Howard J. Gubernatz, Finance, 39 yrs.
Francis J. Hennigan, South Shops, 43 yrs.
Bartholomew F. Kantlak, Archer, 34 yrs.
William J. Kennedy, Jr., West Shops, 31 yrs.
Norman J. Kujawa, South Shops, 41 yrs.
Charles Loughran, North Park, 35 yrs.
Clyde Miller, Jr., 61st St., 21 yrs.
John O'Riordan, West Shops, 31 yrs.
Thomas A. Randal, 69th St., 35 yrs.
Domingo Rivera, O'Hare, 17 yrs.
Joe L. Trotter, 77th St., 33 yrs.

Disability Retirement

Renardo Coleman, 103rd St., 10 yrs.
Richard V. Frey, Forest Glen, 10 yrs.
Nathaniel Harvey, Archer, 17 yrs.
James Henderson, 103rd St., 20 yrs.
Margaret V. Hunt, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.
Elsie Patterson, Engr./Maint., 11 yrs.
Heriberto Rivera, Kedzie, 11 yrs.



Warehouse 50 worker is Employee of the Year

Materials Control's coveted Employee of the Year award for 1989-90 was presented to **John Williams**, a warehouse worker at Warehouse 50, South Shops, and a CTA employee for more than 33 years.

The presentation was made to Williams by Senior Deputy Executive Director **Gloria Chevere** on May 18 at the department's annual awards dinner held in the Merchandise Mart M&M Club.

Williams received a jacket, and his name was added to a traveling plaque which remains at Warehouse 50 for a year. Others competing for the award were: **Priscilla Daley**, secretarial steno I, Purchasing department, General Office; **Mary Dotson**, Warehouse 42, Skokie; **Linda Coleman**, Warehouse 48, Lower Yard; **Charles Turner**, Warehouse 30, South Shops, and **Joseph Trevino**, Warehouse 20, West Shops.

Each of the six nominees were winners in their respective sections, which also made them candidates for the top award as Employee of the Year for the Materials Control department.



John Williams
Employee of the Year

CTA's top warehouse workers are honored at Materials Control's annual Employee of the Year Awards dinner at the M and M Club. The coveted prize was presented by Senior Deputy Executive Director **Gloria Chevere** (center). The honorees are (from left) **Charles Turner**, **Priscilla Daley**, **Joe Triveno**, **Mrs. Chevere**, **Mary Dotson**, **Linda Coleman**, and Employee of the Year **John Williams**.

A committee of four supervisory personnel scored the candidates on attendance, work habits, attitude, ability to work with others, and outside interests with family and friends. The committee included warehouse unit supervisors

Lawrence Tischer, Lower Yard; **Walter Griffin, Jr.**, South Shops; **Donnelly Miles**, Forest Glen, the committee chairman, and **Dick Gross**, of Safety. The committee is required to have at least one member who is not affiliated with Materials Control.

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Competitions advance toward finals

Above: Maintenance teams laid into bus engines at Soldier Field as they squared off in the seventh annual maintenance competition. The winners will represent CTA at the International Maintenance Rodeo in Cleveland.

Right: Pausing briefly from their work are the bus rodeo volunteer score keepers who have assisted the rodeo committee each year. They are (from left) Mrs. Jamil Woodson, Mrs. Barbara Hodges, Mrs. Betty Edwards, CTA manager, Consumer Affairs; Arthur Bennett, superintendent, 77th Street garage, and Mrs. Marlene Mason (foreground).



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Since we are now in the midst of the 1991 budget process, this is a good time to provide some pertinent facts about this important document.

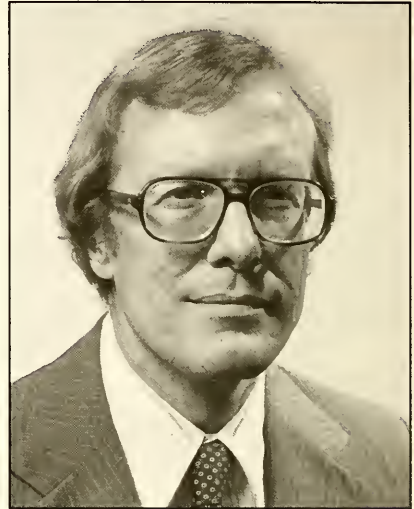
Several imposed restrictions from outside the Authority dictate how much CTA is able to spend each year, including the required farebox recovery ratio of about 50 percent, and the amount of funding that RTA receives from its regional sales tax, the State of Illinois, and the federal government (The recovery ratio is the percent of costs that must be covered from the "farebox.").

Since RTA's funding sources are only projected to grow at approximately the rate of inflation, CTA, Metra and Pace are not permitted to increase their expenses beyond inflation because it would quickly create a regional funding deficit.

The recovery ratio requirement also forces CTA to hike fares by the same percentage that our expenses increase. This is always an unpopular move with the riding public, and a tremendous incentive to hold down cost.

So, how does CTA provide funding for important new program needs such as wheelchair lifts on buses, increased passenger security, improved vehicle maintenance, or expanded special service for the disabled? Basically, there are only two ways: getting some new funding from the State of Illinois or the federal government, or cutting back existing CTA programs.

In 1989, CTA was successful in getting some new State funding in the form of reimbursement for reduced fares which should allow us to avoid a major fare increase in 1990-91. But such new funding is an exception, and new budget needs will usually have to be funded by cutting back some less important existing programs. This puts an obligation on management



Jud Lawrie

Deputy Executive Director
Budget, Planning & Management Information Systems

and employees to continually seek ways to cut costs and redeploy existing resources to meet new needs. Only by doing this will CTA be able to afford important new programs. It is important for all of us—every CTA employee—to be cost conscious, so that we may stay within the limits of our budget. CTA management's responsibility is not only to get the job done, but to do it within the budget. In meeting this responsibility, management welcomes your suggestions, and appreciates your participation.

Think of the CTA budget as you would your family budget. If you're like most people, your financial resources are limited. If, for example, you want to take an expensive vacation, you may have to cut back on other expenses. As a CTA family, we must also watch our dollars and focus our limited resources on the most important activities. Only in this way will we be able to continually improve the quality of CTA service.



Employees compete for slots in Bus Rodeo, Maintenance Rodeo finals

Bus Rodeo competition

Some 385 bus operators participated in CTA's 10th annual bus rodeo at Soldier Field, Saturday, June 9.

Veteran bus rodeo contestants and newcomers kept two bus courses hot throughout the two-day preliminary competition. Operators reported for their turn in the 11-manuever tryout for a position in the 1990 "Winning Circle 30," an increase of 10 contestants admitted into the final competition, which was held Saturday, July 14, also at Soldier Field.

(See page 5 for "Winning Circle 30" finalists.)

The annual bus rodeo is designed to test phases of operation which a bus operator may expect to encounter in normal on-street situations. Each bus rodeo contestant is given seven minutes to complete the driving course.

The maneuvers tested are: **offset stree**, the process of driving through two separate narrow lanes which are offset one full lane from each other, and the **serpentine**, which tests the operator's ability to negotiate around double parked vehicles. The contestant is required to enter a gate, weave in and out through three cones, and exit through another gate.

Other maneuvers included on the rodeo course are: **right turn**, **left turn**, **passenger stop**, **right hand reverse**, which is the simulation of a bus turning around at a route terminal, requiring a bus to back up to the right. Others are: **left hand reverse**; **rear duals clearance**, the process of driving through a lane only slightly wider than the total outside width of a pair of rear dual wheels; **diminishing clearance**, which tests the operator's ability to judge position and speed of a vehicle; **curbing the bus**, and a **judgment stop**, which tests the operator's ability to judge closing distance between the bus and a small object directly ahead.

The rodeo employed 35 volunteer judges for each of the two courses during the two-day event. Rodeo Chairman **Charles Hodges** also expressed appreciation for the continued support of CTA wives who were on hand again to tally scores of contestants.

Wives giving assistance were: **Mrs. Jamil Woodson**, **Mrs. Gloria Matthews**, **Mrs. Barbara Hodges**, **Mrs. Marlene Mason**, and **Mrs. Barbara Hill**. Hodges said wives have supported the Rodeo competition every year. CTA volunteer staff assisting with the score sheets were: **Mrs. Betty Edwards**, manager, Consumer Affairs; **Arthur Bennett**, superintendent, 77th Street garage, and **Joseph Bennett**, bus instructor at the Training Center.

Winners of the 1990 CTA Bus Rodeo competition will be announced at the August Bus Rodeo awards banquet. The 1990 rodeo champion will also represent CTA in the international competition, which will be held when the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) convenes in Houston this October.

Maintenance Rodeo competition

Meanwhile, bus maintenance personnel were also engaged in simultaneous competition as 40 teams, each comprised of three people, set out to find seven bus engine and transmission defects, at least one of which was causing a malfunction.

In this seventh annual maintenance competition, contestants were tested in four phases. Like their operator counterparts, maintenance personnel are also required to maneuver a driving course, substituting a simulated wash rack for the two curb stops.

Maintenance contestants must also stand a bus inspection, as well as a written mechanical safety test, followed by the power train/transmission problem solving phase.

Each team was given 10 minutes to inspect, troubleshoot, diagnose and record the planted defects.

Only the seven defects installed in the power train by maintenance rodeo officials were valid for scoring. Contestants were required to correct the defect which prevented the engine from starting, and maintain an idle of 600 revolutions per minute.

Contestants could receive 50 points for each detected and recorded defect which had been planted in the power train. Moreover, the team finding all of the defects, correcting the one causing the power train to fail and maintaining an idle of 600 RPMs, stood to gain a bonus of a doubled score.

Maintenance Rodeo Chairman **Michael Hennessy**, Maintenance superintendent at 103rd street garage, said one point would also be added to the team score for every second less than the 10 minutes allotted to resolve the problem. Hennessy said a maximum of 350 points plus points earned for time on the driving course, as well those points earned on the other three phases of the competition, comprise a maintenance rodeo contestant's overall score.

The bus maintenance rodeo was conducted with the help of 21 committee members, as well as all of the judges from Transportation who worked the driving course. Various CTA departments also came together to support both Transportation and the Maintenance contestants.

Hennessy said without the efforts of volunteers from these departments, the annual rodeo would not have functioned as smoothly. "Volunteers are very important to us, and they are very much appreciated," he said.

CTA's top bus maintenance team was announced at the July 27 Maintenance Rodeo awards banquet, but the names of the winners were not available at press time. The winning team will represent the Authority at the International Maintenance Rodeo (APTA) which is slated for August 17-19 in Cleveland, Ohio, said Hennessy, who is also vice chairman of the international competition.

Craig Lang, three other CTA employees honored at Superior Public Service Awards luncheon

Craig Lang, Senior Manager of Rail Vehicle Maintenance, received the City's prestigious Superior Public Service Award (SPSA) at a luncheon held at the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House on Thursday, June 28. He was one of two employees honored as Outstanding Executive Employees at the affair, and was chosen from among some 40,000 employees of municipal and county agencies.

Lang, a 13-year CTA veteran, was cited for his role in improving maintenance on CTA's rail car fleet. Among his accomplishments have been an improvement in the average number of vehicles available for service and a string of other achievements, including the introduction of more efficient, cost-effective maintenance measures.

Three other CTA employees were honored at the luncheon. They were: Mary Ann Bridges of the Management Development and Training (MDT) department, who was a Semifinalist in the Supervisory



Left: **Craig Lang**, senior manager, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, displays the coveted Superior Public Service Award plaque presented to him at the June luncheon.

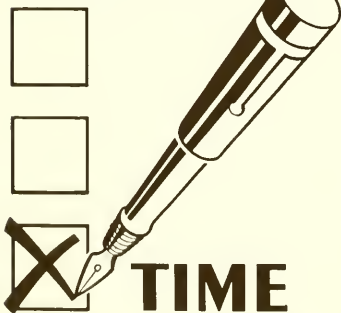
Right: CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (left), and Board Member **John Hoellen** congratulate SPSA winners up. They are (from left) **Michael McCarthy**, Safety; **Mary Ann Bridges**, Management Development and Training, and **John Melendez**, Facilities Maintenance and Engineering.

Employee Category; **Michael McCarthy** of the Safety Department, a Semifinalist among Public Safety Employees; and **John Melendez** of Facilities Maintenance and Engineer-

ing, a Semifinalist in the Professional category.

All four were cited by CTA Executive Director **Alfred Savage** at the July meeting of the CTA Board.

SURVEY



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SOON!**

Why a survey

The Chicago Transit Authority wishes to comply with various laws and regulations which protect the disabled, veterans, minority group members and females. In addition, CTA will be developing procedures which will allow for greater training and promotional opportunities for its employees.

What is it?

With this in mind, the Affirmative Action department has designed the "CTA Employee Survey", which will be distributed during August and September.

Employees are asked to respond to several questions and provide input on areas, such as career goals, veteran status, training development and child care needs.

What will it mean to me?

The information will help the Affirmative Action department in the design and development of programs and services to specifically address employee's career development and family needs. Therefore, **YOUR** input is vital and can make a difference in the programs' effectiveness.

ALL CTA employees are encouraged to get involved in the design of these programs by completing and returning the survey to the Affirmative Action department.

Should you have questions, please call **Ms. Aida M. Galarza**, manager, Affirmative Action, in the Merchandise Mart on extension 3520.



M.I.S. modernizes mainframe operating environment (MVS/XA)

On July 6, 1990, the M.I.S. Department completed the installation of the MVS/XA Mainframe Operating System and the testing of all of the CTA's application systems to be migrated to this system. The cutover of these applications to production was completed on July 21-22, 1990.

The necessity to modernize the infrastructure of the M.I.S. Operating Systems was caused by three basic factors: 1) IBM discontinued the maintenance and support of the existing VS1 Operating System. 2) CTA management desired to move to a more modern technology base to accommodate the Accounts Payable/

Purchase System that CTA is planning to install.

It was estimated by various sources that a transition of this complexity and magnitude could not be done without outside assistance and that would cost at least \$500,000 and take a year.

Due to cost containment measures, it was necessary for M.I.S. to train its own staff and go it alone. Over the past several months, the M.I.S. staff has dedicated itself to completing this essential and important project. The total effort, including many evening and weekend hours, will be completed in a period of seven months.

Information Quality Assurance

The prime role of the M.I.S. Computer Operations area is to provide accurate and timely information at the CTA. The Quality Assurance area of the M.I.S. Computer Operations is primarily responsible for assuring that all new and changed application systems meet established production standards so that the documentation necessary to process end user information requirements is available in accordance with established procedures. The production control section insures that current proportion is accurate prior to release.

To further insure that these needs are met in an accurate and timely manner, the Quality Assurance area is

currently implementing procedures to install a Problem and Change Management System. Once in place, this system will centralize procedures for reporting and resolution of all systems software, hardware and data communications with current production applications implementation procedures. The end result will provide the Authority with centralization of all requests, improved processing control to Central Computer Operations, Fall/Back Recovery capabilities to improve on-time scheduling performance, M.I.S. accountability for application integrity to improve credibility with end-users, and also provide better M.I.S. management reporting tools.



Computer Operator Training

A three month cross-training program for the CTA's Computer Operators has recently been completed.

The two mainframe computers used to process the Authority's corporate information needs currently consists of an IBM compatible Amdahl 5868 mainframe computer and a Unisys 1100/70 mainframe computer, each having its' unique operating characteristics. These characteristics are different for each of the mainframe computers as far as operator commands, error messages and codes, as well as general operating procedures are concerned. Prior to the cross-training program, Amdahl and Unisys operators could only operate one or the other respective mainframe computer systems.

As a result of the cross-training program, two major benefits were immediately realized: 1) Better service for CTA users through more efficient use of staff. 2) Improved job enrichment for our computer operators.

Congratulations! CTA Bus Rodeo Winning Circle 30

Robert Richardson, North Park
Mickey L. Bess, Forest Glen
David James, Lawndale
Alan Wilson, 77th Street
Henry C. Harper, Limits
Richard Bruce, Kedzie
Kenneth Fabian, Forest Glen
Jeremiah Ballard, 69th Street
Gerald Howard, 69th Street
Michael Matas, Forest Glen

George J. Michko, 77th Street
Eddie Johnson, 77th Street
Tommy Ross, Forest Glen
John L. Williams, Kedzie
James Richardson, 103rd Street
Hazel Owens, Limits
Jessie Witherspoon, 103rd Street
William H. Spencer, 103rd Street
Brian Dollar, North Park
Donell Whitehead, Lawndale

Albert Graham, Jr., 69th Street
Lawrence McGowan, Archer
Marcellus Williamson, 69th Street
Robert Harris, 77th Street
Luther Lewis, 103rd Street
John Porter, 103rd Street
Paul Meccia, Limits
Isaac Price, Lawndale
Jose Agrella, Lawndale
Ben Wallace, Limits



Executive director hears management training teams

Ten middle management employees representing Operations, Maintenance, Budget, and Management Information Systems received certificates of completion in CTA's Management Development and Training department's ninth mid level management training program on May 23 at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club.

Three class teams presented discussions on morale oriented employee complaints, an innovative approach to combatting graffiti, and part-time CTA employment, all diverse problems of long standing concern to CTA management. The reports were classroom project requirements.

Ardis Morris, superintendent III, Rail Personnel, 95th Street terminal, **Atis Makstenieks**, superintendent, Systems Development, and **Lynn Sapyta**, director, Budget, Planning and Analysis, comprised the panel on employee morale which studied concerns from salary/compensation and career path development to job enrichment and recognition. The panel also recommended actions for improvements based on the study.

Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, attending his first Management Development and Training reception, praised the studies and said the problems cited by the middle level management teams, are among issues he also plans to review. The executive director also commended MDT on a job well done, and said he looks forward to similar programs in the future.

Meanwhile, **Birnest Hicks**, director, Communications/System Maintenance; **Robert J. Hasemann, Sr.**,



*Certificates of completion in CTA Management Development and Training department's ninth mid level management training program were presented to (from left) **David Perez**, director, Rail Janitor Service, Madison-Wabash; **Dennis Milicevic**, director, Support Services, South Shops; **Ruth Lebron**, manager, Maintenance Administration; **Robert Hasemann, Sr.**, superintendent, Bus Maintenance, 69th Street; **Lynn Sapyta**, director, Budget Planning and Analysis, Merchandise Mart; **Atis Makstenieks**, superintendent, Systems Project Development, Merchandise Mart; **Ardis Morris**, superintendent, Transportation Personnel, 95th Street terminal; **Bernis Hicks**, director, Communications/System Maintenance, West Shops; and **Ulysee Coley II**, superintendent, Transportation, Personnel, 63rd/Ashland terminal. The program facilitator was **Mary Ann Bridges**.*

superintendent, Bus Maintenance, 69th Street garage, and **David Perez**, director, Janitorial Rail Services, comprised the team in search of a new approach to the graffiti problem.

The trio presented recommendations for using a new and effective plexi cleaner uncovered by their research. According to the Hicks-Hasemann-Perez team, use of the solution would also be cost effective.

The third team was comprised of Superintendents **III Ulysee Coley**, Ashland terminal, **Alex Wilson**, Desplaines terminal, **Ruth LeBron**, manager, Maintenance Administration, and **Dennis Milicevic**, director, Support Services. This group

addressed the effective use of part-time CTA employees.

Presenting certificates were **David Martin**, senior manager, Transportation Personnel; **David Hillock**, deputy executive director, Maintenance; **Richard Winston**, senior manager, Bus Maintenance, **Roy Smith**, senior manager, Facilities Maintenance; **Nancy Nagel**, manager, Management and Budgets, and **Jeffrie Shelley**, director, Management Information Systems. The program facilitator was **Mary Ann Bridges**, and the manager of Management Development and Training is **Gary Melberg**.



Memoriam

Henry G. Anderson, 93, Kedzie,
Jerome T. Anderson, 70, Veh. Mtce.
Michael T. Barris, 77, 77th Street
Gerard S. Brindise, 92, Rail West

Raymond Chernak, 70, Archer
Vincent J. Ecter, 67, 77th Street
Clarence E. Eugene, 69, Veh. Mtce.
Lawrence Genender, 69, Agents No.
Mitchell Kitzman, 73, Equip. Eng.
Peter C. Kloss, 78, Forest Glen
Roy F. Lemke, 80, North Park
Maurice McCormack, 86, Archer
Michelle McCotry, 37, 69th Street

Lee E. Mussared, 87, Forest Glen
Bernard H. Nelson, 74, Beverly
Arthur J. Palicki, 78, North Av.
Edward C. Petersen, 71, Forest Glen
Carl G. Redemske, 79, North Av.
John S. Slatinsky, 84, S&E
Ralph A. Tannhauser, 71, West Shops
Frank J. Turpin, 83, Forest Glen
Peter J. Walsh, 90, 77th Street





Anniversaries

40 Years

Raymond Bieniasz,
Traction Power Engr.

30 Years

Michael Akai, Central Counting
David Allen, Janitorial Svcs.

Willie Brewster, Kedzie
McRayfield Caldwell,
Rail Pers./North

Joseph Daquilante,
Ops. Comm. & Power

Salvatore Gariti,
Desplaines Mtce. (10-20-89)

David Johnson, Corporate Law
Thomas Kman, Jr., Body D

Henry Krob, Body C
William Miller, Rail Pers./South

John O'Connor,
Gen. Bldg Mtce/South

John Pendleton, 103rd Street
Eugene Sherrod, Jr., Civil Eng.

Horst Tietz, Forest Glen

35 Years

Raymond Jones, Ashland/61/95
Raymond Lugiai, Bus Service
Thomas Staunton, Track Mtce.

25 Years

John Andrews, Rail Pers./South
Robert Barnes, Gen. Bldg Mtce/South

Charles Baxter, Limits
Cleveland Bennett, 63rd St. Warehouse.

Edmund Daddazio, Forest Glen
Alex Fritzler, Accts Rec.

Robert Gehr, Lawndale
Eddie Gholston, Kedzie

Robert Koster, Utility
Joseph Rafinski, Dougl/Cong.

John Richardson, Agents West
Patricia Schoenbaum Payroll Ops.

Jerome Stopa, Steel Fab.
James Washington,
Ops Comm/Power

Andrew Wilson, Archer
Elijah Wilson, Sub-Stations Supv.



Retirees

July Retirees

Robert E. Bean,
Engr & Mtce., 26 years

Claude J. Brantley,
Trans/Admin., 21 years

Jerry Boone, Engr & Mtce., 32 years
Curtis Brown, 77th Street, 33 years

Namon Brown, District C, 31 years
Michael J. Byrne, West Shops, 4 years

Ernest D. Cherry,
Engr. & Mtce, 10 years

Briggs M. Connell,
69th Street, 25 years

John O. Cooper,
77 Street, 38 years

Christopher L. Dignam,
West Shops, 18 years

John H. Finley, Campaign, 21 years
Roy F. Giddens, Kedzie, 24 years

David C. Gordon,
103rd Street, 31 years

Clarence C. Guse,
North Park, 26 years

Lewis Jackson, West Shops, 25 years
Robert E. Johnson,

Mgmt Services, 36 years
Philip G. Mussari,

West Shops, 12 years
Lee H. Oak, Forest Glen, 32 years

William S. Reese, Kedzie, 30 years
Bruno Romej, Trans/Pers., 30 years

Robert L. Ross, Lawndale, 34 years
Charles Smith, Archer, 27 years

Samuel W. Sorting,
West Shops, 20 years

Edward J. Szwec,
Engr. & Mtce., 13 years

Walter T. Tucker, Jr.
Mtl. Mgmt., 21 years

Joseph T. Vallier III,
95th Street, 21 years

Peter J. Willemssen,
North Park, 26 years

Henderson L. Williams,
Forest Glen, 18 years

Disability Retirements

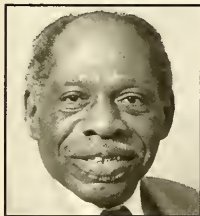
Wifred Dowdell, Lawndale, 12 years
Willie Haynes, Forest Glen, 20 years

Robert C. Hazzard,
West Shops, 7 years

Anabell Rios, North Park, 11 years
Cheryl Murray-Wright,

103rd Street, 7 years

Mail clerk retires after 36 years



CTA Supervising Mail Clerk Robert Johnson turned in his mail cart and headed for leisure on July 1 after 36 years of employment in a career that started as a bus operator at North Park garage.

Prior to his mail room service, Johnson worked a brief stint in CTA's Central Counting facility at 77th Street and Vincennes Avenue.

More than 300 of Johnson's co-workers stopped by the open house held for him at the board room in the Merchandise Mart to congratulate him and extend their wishes for his happiness in retirement. Johnson was accompanied by his wife of 31 years, Mrs. Clarice Johnson. Other family members are his sister, niece, and nephew.

Surprise, Surprise!

Kim Hunt-Rhymes was the center of attention at a surprise baby shower put together by co-workers and CTA friends as Kim, of Internal Auditing, began a maternity leave. Helping to spring the surprise were (from left) Cynthia Florence, Operations; Gail Clisby, Records Management, and Patricia Reed, Internal Auditing. The expected event occurred at 2:58 p.m. Friday, June 22 at St. Francis Hospital in south suburban Blue Island as infant daughter Sierra Lavon Rhymes was born. The baby's birth weight was 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Kim's husband, Basil Rhymes, is a municipal employee for the City of Chicago. The family also includes a son, Brandon.



Security cars dedicated



Robert Dart (left), commander, Chicago Public Transportation Security, Chicago Police Department, and Raleigh Mathis, senior manager, CTA Security, display two of the

Authority's newly dedicated security detail vehicles. The increased focus on security resulted in a 40 per cent decrease in crimes on CTA's bus and rail systems during 1989.

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CTA's Rail Vehicle Maintenance chiefs stand proudly with the top Round-Up team. They are (from left) senior manager **Craig Lang**, and Round-Up chairman **Virginia McGraw**. Displaying the terminal plaque is Desplaines terminal superintendent **Gary Kemp**, whose personnel took the first place honors. Holding their individual plaques are team members **Joseph Kolek**, **Kevin Finnegan**, and **Michael Averitt**. Others are NBC News anchor **Jackie Bange**, deputy executive director, Maintenance **David Hillock**, and CTA Executive director **Alfred Savage**.

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Competition winners honored

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Executive's message



*Aida M. Galarza,
Affirmative Action Manager*

Since joining CTA in 1989, I have had the pleasure of working with a fine group of dedicated staff. Together, we conduct a variety of activities to ensure that the Authority is in compliance with laws governing Title VII and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and in meeting the goals and objectives of the Affirmative Action Plan. Our primary focus is to assist the Authority in maintaining a positive working environment for all employees.

In particular, the Affirmative Action department is responsible for monitoring and evaluating activities, such as hiring, promotions, training, and separations. We conduct analysis of this data to determine impact on minority group members and females, and recommend programs to enhance the representation of these groups within the Authority.

Our outreach and recruitment efforts have expanded, with greater focus on attracting qualified applicants through the assistance of community-based organizations, educational institutions, and participation in job fairs and career conferences.

The EEO/AA training, conducted by Affirmative Action staff, is designed to orient supervisory personnel on affirmative action issues, related laws and the supervisor's responsibilities in implementing CTA's EEO policies.

Through the investigation of complaints, our department assists employees and management personnel to resolve issues so that our workplace environment is free of discrimination and sexual harassment.

In 1989, we established the Cultural Enrichment program. This new initiative focuses on enhancing employee awareness and knowledge of the rich traditions and many contributions made to American society by the diverse cultures represented among CTA's workforce. Through heritage observances, we highlight the history, music, and artwork of each culture. The Cultural Enrichment program has been enthusiastically received and well attended by CTA employees. It has served as an exciting learning experience for many of us.

The success of these events is the result of the overwhelming cooperation and assistance received from CTA employees who have voluntarily contributed their time, artwork and other items for these presentations. To date, several observances have been held, which include celebrations of the Hispanic American Heritage Week (last September), African American History Month in February, and Asian American Heritage Week in May. Other observances, such as Italian American Heritage, and American Indian Week, are being planned for the coming months.

The Affirmative Action department also conducts research on areas which affect our employees. Among the topics reviewed so far are child and elder care needs, identification of veterans and the disabled, and career development. In line with these activities, we are currently developing an **Employee Survey**, which will be distributed at a later date. CTA employee responses will be utilized by Affirmative Action staff to design new program initiatives for career development and promotional opportunities.

In essence, the Affirmative Action department not only serves to ensure that procedures and practices at the Authority do not cause discrimination against any individual or groups of individuals, but also develops programs and activities to enrich employee knowledge and career goals.

Working together with management staff and line personnel, the Affirmative Action staff has been able to successfully accomplish these tasks.

Bus maintenance Rodeo, Rail Vehicle Maintenance Roundup winners honored



It was a proud moment for Support Service's first place winners in the 1990 Bus Maintenance Rodeo. The group includes (from left) Bus garage superintendent Michael Hennessy, chairman, Bus Maintenance Rodeo; bus repairman John Murphy; senior manager, Bus Maintenance Dick Winston; day clerk Tom Smith; NBC News anchor Jackie Bange, program M.C., Executive Director Alfred Savage; manager, Bus Light Maintenance Tom Gecan; director, Support Services, Bus/Rail Dennis Milicevic; deputy executive director, Maintenance David Hillock, and bus repairman Philip Murnane.

"I have two objectives," Executive Director Alfred Savage told employees attending CTA's Maintenance Awards banquet at near west suburban Oak Park's Mar-Lac House. "I want our employees to be proud of working for CTA, and I want us to take an APTA award as the best in transit which you certainly deserve." His remarks, met by thunderous applause, set the tone for an upbeat evening. The executive director was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Georgia Savage.

Mistress of ceremonies for the evening was NBC-TV, Channel 5 news anchor woman Jackie Bange who was introduced by Rosemarie Gulley, CTA director of Media Relations.

A three-man team from CTA's Support Services division took top honors in this year's seventh annual CTA Bus Maintenance Rodeo with a score of 680.

Repairmen Philip Murnane and John Murphy, and day clerk Tom Smith topped four other three-man teams for the coveted honor. The winners each received a championship ring, a trophy, sports jacket, and a three-day trip for two to the August 17-19 International competition in Cleveland. Garnering second place honors which netted a \$300 savings bond for each team member as well as individual trophies, jackets, and \$150 gift

certificates were assistant foreman Philip McEvoy, and repairmen Terry Muellner, Jr., and Tom Deery. The team which represented the 69th Street garage, registered a score of 618.

Third place honors went to North Park honorees Jose Guerrero, George Leyva, and Ronald Vick, all repairmen. Each received a trophy, a \$150 savings bond, a \$100 gift certificate, and a jacket. The team scored 611 points.

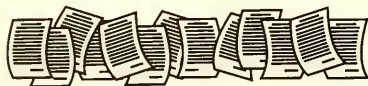
Taking fourth prize was the 77th Street garage team of repairmen Duane Dooley, and Hosea Johnson, and assistant foreman John R. Ward who tallied 599 points. Bus servicer Sylvester White, and repairmen Matthew Gebis, and Scott Brave of Lawndale garage followed with a score of 567 to capture fifth prize in the competition. Each member of the fourth and fifth place teams received trophies, \$50 gift certificates and jackets.

Placing sixth in the bus competition were Kedzie repairmen brothers Jeffrey and Michael Jurek, and Paul Kearney. Seventh place honors went to North Park garage assistant foreman Julian Rumon-ski, and repairmen John Dzul, and Robert Storck. Members of these two teams were guests at the Oak Park banquet.

Desplaines terminal foreman Kevin Finnegan, repairman Joseph Kolek, and combination clerk Michael Averitt took top honors in the sixth annual Rail Vehicle Maintenance Round-Up. The first prize included a wrist watch for each team member, a plaque, sports jacket, and a five-day trip for two to the American Public Transportation Association meeting in Houston which is scheduled for October. Taking second place honors from 61st Street terminal were terminal "A" foreman Robert Basden, senior combination clerk Felipe Alcantara, and car repairman Kelly Miller, Jr. They each received a plaque, a \$300 savings bond, a \$150 gift certificate, and a jacket. Third place honors went to Harlem terminal represented by terminal foreman Ernest Link, car repairman Eric Lorenz, and car servicer Dan Reno. Their prizes included a plaque, a \$150 savings bond, a \$100 gift certificate, and a jacket.

Racine terminal finished fourth in the Rail Maintenance competition. Its representatives were car repairmen David Artis, and Joe Howard, and car servicer Robert Curran. Finishing fifth was Rosemont terminal with terminal foreman Robert Murphy, Jr., car repairman Richard Plomin, and terminal combination clerk Glen McCarthy. The fourth and fifth place honorees each received a plaque, a \$50 gift certificate, and a jacket. Douglas Johnson, terminal foreman, and car repairman Joseph Lulich of Harlem terminal finished in sixth place while terminal foreman Michael LaVelle, Jr., car repairman Lucas Lugo, and relief clerk Orlandra Lonie of Wilson Shop finished in seventh place.

The top three rail terminal and bus garage maintenance teams also earned garage and terminal trophies or plaques which were presented to their maintenance superintendents.



Commendations



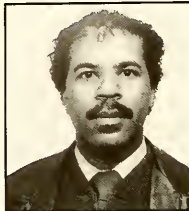
Lillian Dillard

(conductor, North Section) Ms. Dillard was praised by Ralph Decker Jr., of Winfield, Kansas, who boarded her nighttime train at Washington. "By the time we arrived at Howard, she had dealt with two drunks and a man who was exposing himself. She acted in a very professional manner. She was calm, self-assured and restrained, yet firm. There was no doubt she was in charge of the train. Thanks to her, I felt safer when danger was a real possibility."



Frankie Myles

(69th Street garage) Mr. Myles was the operator of a 67th/69th/71st Street bus ridden by Alice Marshall, of East 56th Street. "I was amazed at his courtesy and psychological maturity. There were occasions when he could have 'exploded,' but he kept his 'cool.' He was patient with an inebriated man who had trouble getting his dollar into the farebox. He was also aware of some high school students who were trying to avoid paying. He is really appreciated."



Howard Green

(North Park garage) Mr. Green was commended for "his vigilance and caring attitude" by Dolores Zamanian, of North Sheridan Road. "A woman boarded (the No. 147 Outer Drive Express bus) in front of me and was asking the driver questions. He quickly told me to watch my purse. I turned around to find another woman with her hand on my purse. She became indignant, and both women jumped off the bus. Because of his quick action, I was not the victim of a crime."



Barnett Simmons

(No. 9 Ashland) Mr. Simmons was appreciated by Essie L. Hubbard, of CTA Grant Accounting. "He ends my day with a smile because of his concerning manner. He is very pleasant, unusually courteous, well groomed and soft spoken. He handles the bus with confidence and authority — no jerky braking nor rapid acceleration. He seems to like his job and cares for his passengers."



Barbara King

(Agents North) Ms. King was complimented by Joseph Loverix, of Pine Grove Avenue, who boards the Howard 'L' at Sheridan station. "On more than one occasion, she has changed my outlook on the day ahead by her positive attitude. She is always businesslike, but extremely friendly. It's a real pleasure to encounter someone like this at the start of your day. Her smile is very contagious, and I have found myself smiling after encountering her."



Kegler awards

Tony Andrews of West Shops, director, of the first individual handicap

bowling tournament for CTA employees, presented trophies to winners recently. Women's Division honors went to Janice Rowell of Finance who bowled 665. Rich Morales of Archer garage took the prize in the Men's Division with a score of 686. The June tourney was held at Town and Country Lanes, Northlake.

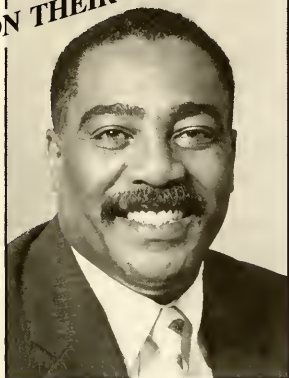


Rowell
665

Morales
686



ON THEIR TIME



"So you Think You're Bad" is a story of west side Chicago neighborhood kids looking for fulfillment of life in urban America, amid the temptation of drug pushers, dealers, addicts, and teen hoodlums. The kind of stuff which bombards us in the news each day.

Playwright **Johnny Brown**, a Kedzie garage bus operator, has captured the essence of youthful despair disguised in the aggressive behavior which is acted out upon a neighborhood corner. It is a play with a message for everyone.

Kedzie operator Brown turns playwright

Brown suggests turning a proverbial lemon into sweet lemonade. His message offers a solution to young toughs terrorizing the community with threats, intimidation, mugging, maiming and killing. Simply put, the message is adults, take the community back and be assertive. Provide the positive influence which will give the youth hope for tomorrow.

As they nibble on the crusty pie of despair, Brown says he wants to replace the menu with respect for mankind and obedience to the laws of nature and society which spells hope.

"People can make a difference by being positive about themselves and their community," says Brown who decries the abundance of negativity which he says flows freely about the west side. "Turn that around, and I know that we will turn the community around. I want to be a part of that change," says Brown. "I want it to start with me, which is why I have written this play," he said.

The two act play, presented on stage at a West side theater in February, was written, produced and directed by Brown, who also had an acting role in the production. Brown, no stranger to the camera, has also had cinema walk on bit parts as well as commercial roles, including work for National Billboard. He has appeared in such films as *Blues Brothers*, *Lady Blue*, *Rent a Cop*, *Vice Versa*, and *One in a Million*, a made for television movie with Lavar Burton.



The cast of "So You Think You're Bad" celebrates after a successful three-day run at the Austin Community Theater on the city's West Side.

Security is improved at Congress/Oak Park rapid transit station

The Oak Park avenue station in the Village of Oak Park on CTA's Congress-O'Hare rapid transit route has been given a new look to improve rider security on the west portion of the route.

The security enhancement program was made possible through increased funding from the Illinois state legislature.

Five other stations along the Eisenhower expressway in the City of Chicago are included in the program. They are located at Pulaski, Kedzie, Western, Racine and Halsted.

CTA Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage** said of the recently completed work, "We want our suburban as well as city riders to know that their security remains a top CTA priority. The improvements here and at other stations on the

Congress line are aimed at making their use of the system as safe and comfortable as possible."

Savage said that the lighting level at the Oak Park station has been increased by more than 50 per cent. This was achieved by replacing the original 32-year old fixtures with a larger number of modern vandal-resistant units.

The station area was repainted in white to give maximum reflection at night. The white coating is accented with blue at the Oak Park facility, while at other stations the accent colors might be gold, red, or green.

Another major improvement is the repaneling of walls along the passenger ramp between the street level station building and the train platform. Clear Lexan panels encased in aluminum

framing have replaced the previously used corrugated panels, which were non-transparent.

Enunciator bell signals have also been installed at the station level to alert passengers to the approach of trains in either direction. This system allows riders to wait in comfort and security near the station agent's booth until they know that their train is coming. The signal is set so that the riders have ample time to walk down to the platform in time for their trains.



The Authority recognizes the need to attract and keep qualified people. A survey by a leading human resources firm found that our salary schedule was not competitive with private industry. We have designed the Exempt Employees Compensation Plan to eliminate that gap. The handbook which was distributed to employees in August explains the program in great detail. Below are the highlights of the plan in a question and answer format.

Q. What happens to those who are below minimum salary under the new schedule?

A. They will be brought up to the new minimum salary level soon, probably before October 1.

Q. When will employees be assigned to a salary step on the new salary structure?

A. October 1 is the anticipated date for the announcement of new placements.

Q. When is an employee eligible for an increase under the new compensation plan.

A. Your satisfactory service as recorded on your annual performance review qualifies you for an increase under the new compensation plan if you're compensated below midpoint. Each exempt employee compensated at a salary step below midpoint will receive an annual performance review 30 days before the anniversary of their particular assignment to the position in which they are currently working.

**Exempt
Employees
Compensation
Plan
explained**



Q. Will exempt employees continue to be classified according to the level of their responsibility?

A. Yes. Exempt employees are classified from Level 10 through Level 21. Each level has a salary range consisting of a minimum, midpoint, and a maximum performance adjustment. There are six steps between minimum and midpoint.

Q. When should I expect to reach the midpoint salary?

A. Assuming that your performance at your present level continues to be satisfactory, you will progress each year to the next highest step until you reach the midpoint.

Q. What happens after I reach the midpoint salary?

A. Salary increases above midpoint will occur in recognition of attaining performance objectives. These levels will be evaluated in February. Such adjustments will be awarded on April 1 of each year on the basis of your annual performance evaluation. Awards of merit adjustment are subject to the approval of the Executive Director.

Q. What happens if my performance is below standard?

A. Exempt employees who perform below what is expected of them will receive no step increases, and will be placed on probation and subject to a quarterly performance review.

Q. What happens if I am placed on probationary status?

A. If your performance improves the probation may be lifted after one quarter. However, the probationary status may not continue for more than two full quarters.

Q. What happens after two full quarters in probationary status?

A. You may be placed in a position commensurate with your capabilities, but with a salary adjustment, or you may be terminated from employment.

Q. What assurance do I have of fair and equitable treatment?

A. All performance appraisals are reviewed by the Personnel Administration department, and step increases must be approved by the deputy executive director, Human Resources.





Anniversaries

40 Years

Steve Kudelka, Jr., Support Shops

35 Years

Fred Bassett, Kedzie

Dennis Dobbey, Ele Con & Sys Mtc

Eddie Smith, Kedzie

30 Years

McBride Anderson, 69th Street

James Davis, Kedzie

Leon Gaddy, 69th Street

John Gassaway, South Shops

Robert Janz, Rail Inst.

Dominick Marley, Linden Mtc.

Lewis Martin, Steel Fab. Shop

Nathaniel Payne, Bus Inst.

Burgess Peterson, Forest Glen

Alton Williams, E&H Oper. Svcs.

Dennis Winnick, Mech Mtc North

25 Years

Anthony Andrews, Sup Svcs Facil

Carl Brown, Lawndale

Walter Brown, Central Counting

Charles Clark, Bus Inst.

Dennis Closs, Rail North

Joseph Coleman, 69th Street

Rodney Dabe, Bldg & Grnds

Clarence Davis, Rail Janitors

Roy Evans, South Shops

Charlie Hill, Kedzie

Gerald Jackson, 103rd Street

Donald Kimmons, 103rd Street

Forrest McHerron, 69th Street

Gerald McManamon, Forest Glen

Lynn Owens, 77th Street

George Payton, 103rd Street

Cleophia Pendleton, 69th Street

Clyde Randolph, 69th Street

Gerald Richardson, Archer

Joseph Sammon, South Shops

Marcus Sturghill, Ashland/61/95th



Retirees



Eat your heart out

Bus/truck mechanic foreman Carl Swetlik (left), of South Shops presents Bus/Truck leader Norman Kujawa, with a special plaque which is said to hold Kujawa's first earned dollar. Kujawa, who recently retired from South Shops after 40 years of CTA service, received the plaque made by Carpentry shop employees, at a surprise luncheon held in his honor. He wore a special sweatshirt emblazoned with two slogans, "Eat your heart out, I'm retired," and "Where is the overtime." Throughout his CTA employment Kujawa was said to have never missed a day of work, or refused any overtime. His retirement agenda calls for lots of golf, and sampling the cuisine of as many restaurants as possible.



60 years of wedded bliss

Retirees William and Agnes Magee celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with 65 family members and friends on July 1 with dinner at the Silver Lake Country Club. Bill retired as foreman at Beverly garage in 1969, and Agnes retired from the Print shop in 1970. CTA employees celebrating with them were nephews Jim, Bob, Phil, and Gary Lamont, and CTA retirees Jim and Lillian Lamont, and Roy Hagen.

September Retirees

Leftherry P. Andoniadis, North Pk, 10 yrs.

Franklin J. Brison, Cermak, 29 yrs.

Namon Brown, District "C," 31 yrs.

Willie L. Burch, District "C," 34 yrs.

Andrew Gray, 103rd Street, 25 yrs.

Ronnie A. Green, 103rd Street, 25 Yrs.

Henry L. Hopkins, Jr., 69th Street, 32 yrs.

Paul McCullar, 77th Street, 16 yrs.

Ruthanne E. Miles, Msde Mart, 10 yrs.

John Tertz, Jr., Forest Glen, 44 yrs.

Edward J. Tierney, West Section, 16 yrs.

Michael A. Vitale, Msde Mart, 47 yrs.

Arthur L. Woods, Harlem, 28 yrs.

Disability Retirement

Patricia A. Dunek, Msde Mart, 23 yrs.

Teofilo R. Gonzalez, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.

Richard Hudson, Kedzie, 17 yrs.

Joseph LoCoco, Forest Glen, 29 yrs.

Louis Maravilla, 103rd Street, 20 yrs.

William H. Nash, Bus Pers./South, 23 yrs.



In Memoriam

Arthur Broadway, 47, 77th Street

Conrado Carlos, 55, West Shops

William Demery, 43, 77th Street

Judge L. Funches, 47, South Shops

Clinton Holmes, 52, 61st Street

Paul Malone, 63, West Shops

Frank E. Morris, 45, 77th Street

Levell Nichols, 56, Bldg Mtc

Charles L. Patton, 39, 103rd Street

Otis L. Richards, 39, South Sec.

Robert A. Rowe, 44, South Sec.

William Ruddle, 65, Lawndale

Arthur C. Schoenke, 54, South Shops

Frank L. Waters, 36 Hawthorne



Human Resources Division

CTA's "new" medical trailer at Forest Glen Garage



Representatives of CTA's Medical section introduced the Authority's new medical trailer at Forest Glen garage recently. The vehicle will facilitate more efficient transportation and use of modern health testing quarters throughout CTA's operating areas. Conducting open house of the facility were (left) **Dr. Felicitas Gonzalez**, **Dr. Irma Realiza**, medical director; **Ms Baby Kishore**, medical assistant; **Ms Ertinda Lapid**, Medical Services coordinator; **Thomas Czech**, manager, Personnel Administration; **Dr. Milton Sneider**; **Ms Allie Thompson**, Medical Records assistant, and **James Marshall**, deputy executive director, Human Resources.

General office blood drive is successful

Some 80 units of blood were donated in a recent one-day general office blood drive held in the CTA board room at the Merchandise Mart.

The eight-hour drawing was conducted by Life Source, a not-for-profit agency which services the blood and blood product needs for several Chicago area hospitals.

Life Source personnel complimented CTA employees for their generosity, and were especially impressed with the promptness and good spirits of the donors.

Special assistance during the drive was rendered by **Tommie Alexander**, and **Pam Williams** of Personnel; **Paula Costantini**, Human Resources; **Diane Blaino**, Purchasing; **Ramla Bandele**, Budget; **Diane Mitchell-Bey**, Strategic Planning; **Ann Marie Nisivaco**, Police Liaison, and **Janice Patton**, of Benefits.

"Another group of people who deserve special thanks for their generosity are the 17 people who signed up and arrived ready to give, only to be deferred for various reasons," said **Clayton McLean**, blood drive coordinator.

McLean said a total of 97 concerned employees were ready to donate their blood in the one-day drive.



Eugene Folk (left), account executive for Life Source, presents a certificate of appreciation to **Paula Costantini**, of Human Resources who co-chaired the blood drive with coordinator **Clayton McLean**. On hand to congratulate **Ms Costantini** for her contribution to the successful effort was **James Marshall**, deputy executive director, Human Resources.

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CTA's 1990 Bus Roadeo, Third Rail RoundUp and Ticket Agent TieUp winners proudly display their trophies. The group includes (from left) Third Rail RoundUp's top motorman, **Roman Doubek** of 54th Street terminal, and the rail team's top conductor, **Harold White**, of 95th Street terminal; **Rita Jackson**, Congress terminal, conductor on the highest scoring rail team; bus operator **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen garage, bus roadeo fourth place; CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, **Robert Sanders**, motorman on the highest scoring rail team; **Josephine Bien**, Kimball terminal, winner, Ticket Agent TieUp competition. **William Spencer**, 103rd Street, bus roadeo second place; **Denice Saverson**, O'Hare terminal, TieUp third place, Deputy Executive Director, Operations **Elonzo Hill**, and the 1990 Bus Roadeo first place winner, **Robert Richardson**, of Forest Glen garage.

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Executive's message

As general attorney, I am responsible for providing legal services to the executive director, the chairman and the CTA board, and for directing the operational activities of the Legal Services Branch.

The Legal Services Branch has been reorganized into four major sections which are the Criminal & Traffic/Claims, Litigation, Corporate Law, and Administration sections.

The Criminal & Traffic section monitors the states attorney and assists in the prosecution of individuals who are arrested for misdemeanors of felonious activity on CTA property or CTA employees. The range of this section's activity runs the gamut from the prosecution of people charged as graffiti writers to those charged with robbery and assault. The Criminal and Traffic section also defends CTA employees in job related criminal and traffic complaints.

Most of the Legal Services Branch activity starts with the Claims department which is responsible for the handling of personal injury and property damage claims against the CTA. This activity includes investigations, evaluations, negotiations and settlements, and assisting the Tort Litigation department in the preparation of lawsuits resulting from claims. The Claims department is also responsible for collecting monies due the Authority from claims filed against outside parties.

The Litigation section of the Legal Services Branch defends the Authority as well as CTA employees in various matters. The section consists of the Tort Litigation and Corporate Litigation departments. The Tort department handles personal injury and property damage cases resulting from unsettled claims against the Authority. The Corporate department handles matters such as unfair labor practices, employment and civil rights, and environmental protection contract disputes.

The Corporate Law section provides written and verbal advice and opinions to all CTA divisions as well as the CTA board.

It also reviews, drafts and negotiates contracts, ordinances, and other legal



Bill Farley, General Attorney

documents. The Workers' Compensation department which services and administers the needs of CTA employees who are injured while on duty is a part of this section. The department also assists in preparing compensation cases for trial and before the Illinois Industrial Commission.

The Administration section is the glue which really holds the Legal Services Branch together. Clerical manning, manpower planning, ordering of supplies and equipment are only a portion of its activities. This section also develops and provides financial information such as reports, budget, expense tracking and special projects. It is also responsible for coordinating with CTA's Management Information System in all computer equipment and system needs, and handles all Freedom of Information requests.

In summary, the Legal Services Branch offers a multitude of services designed to defend and protect the Authority, its employees, and members of the transit board. In recent months several changes for improving the Authority's efficiency have occurred. The Legal Services Branch will continue to seek methods of improving its operation which will contribute to CTA's goal of being the best.

Richardson, Doubek, White, Bien winners in 1990 competitions

North Park bus operator **Robert Richardson** is still the one to beat on the CTA bus roadeo course. Judges awarded the veteran Roadeo contestant the championship for the fourth consecutive year at an August 31 Merchandise Mart Apparel center Holiday Inn banquet.

Richardson who will be accompanied by his wife at the American Public Transportation Association convention in Houston, Texas this month, will again participate in APTA's international bus roadeo as he represents Chicago and the CTA.

The 19-year CTA veteran and only four-time CTA roadeo champion, told the audience of some 400 people that the 1990 competition is his last. "I am stepping aside after this year to give other CTA bus operators an opportunity to go to the international competition," he said.

For the first time in the history of the CTA bus roadeo, the winner received a championship ring as well as a trophy which Richardson says he will wear proudly. Again the chairman's cup was

awarded to North Park superintendent **Edward Schwamb**.

Other bus roadeo awards were presented to **William Spencer**, 77th Street garage, a \$500 savings bond for second place; **Jessie Weatherspoon**, 103rd Street garage, a \$200 savings bond for third place, and **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen garage, a \$100 savings bond for fourth place. Each of these contestants also received appropriate trophies.

Meanwhile, motorman **Roman Doubek**, of 54th street terminal, a perennial Third Rail RoundUP participant since the program's inception seven years ago, was the 1990 winner. **Harold White**, of 95th street terminal, took honors as the year's top conductor. Each member of the winning team will receive a five-day, trip to Orlando, Fla., and each will be accompanied by a guest.

Other Third Rail RoundUP awards went to motorman **Robert Sanders**, Howard terminal, and **Rita Jackson**, Congress terminal. Each received a \$500 savings bond for their second place finish.

The two also received a special recognition plaque as being the best rail team. Still reigning as champion in the Ticket Agent TieUp competition is **Josephine Bien**, who was also winner of the 1989 Ticket Agent TieUp contest. The Kimball agent will receive a trip to Orlando with a guest. Other Ticket Agent TieUp honors went to: **Linda Woods**, Howard terminal, second place, a \$500 savings bond, and **Denice Saverson**, O'Hare terminal, third place, a \$250 savings bond. Each runnerup also received a trophy, and the Chairman's Cup was presented to superintendents **James McClain**, Howard street; **Byron Winburn**, 54th street, and **Ardis Morris**, 95th street.

The presentation of awards was made by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, and executive director **Alfred Savage**, assisted by WLS sportscaster **Jim Rose**, and "The Morning Connection" show hostess **Darryl Daniel**, of V103, WVAZ/FM, Oak Park. Dance music for the evening which featured the ever popular 'electric slide,' was provided by **D.J. Edward Redmond**.

To Coin a phrase...CTA 'conscience money'



CTA Executive director **Alfred Savage** displays one of two bags containing 5,000 pennies (2,500 each bag) that were received anonymously. The plastic bags were shipped in a coin bag that has been used by CTA for many years and is marked "Return to the Chicago Transit Authority."

No explanation accompanied the coins. The stamps pictured here were wrapped around the bag and were cancelled in the mail transaction.

Several of the coins were minted between 1910-1930 and the balance carry 1940 and 1950 dates. The coins will be held for 30 days to see if any claim is made. Subsequently, the coins will be brought to a numismatist to determine if there is any greater value, other than face value.

The proceeds will go into the CTA's miscellaneous revenue account labelled "conscience fund," where money is deposited when people want to clear their conscience after possibly taking a free ride.

"As far as anyone can remember, this is the heaviest amount of 'conscience money' ever received," said **William C. Buetow**, manager of Treasury.



Board member Hoellen retires after 11 years

CTA Board Vice Chairman John J. Hoellen, who joined the Chicago Transit Authority board following a distinguished career in city government, has retired from CTA service.

CTA Chairman Clark Burrus and a host of CTA associates joined in tribute to Hoellen for the outstanding service which he rendered the Authority during his 11 years on the board.

Members of CTA's maintenance staff led by Deputy Executive Director David Hillock, presented Hoellen with several tokens of appreciation for his service and his voice on behalf of the Authority. Included in the Maintenance entourage were Senior Managers Richard Winston, Roy Smith, and Craig Lang.

Presentations were also made to Hoellen by Deputy Executive Director, Operations **Elonzo Hill**. Included in Hill's group were Senior Managers David Martin, Michael LaVelle, William Mooney, Raleigh Mathis, and Harold Hirsch, manager, Operations Planning.

Executive Director **Alfred Savage** presented Hoellen with a CTA supervisor's cap bearing Hoellen's employee number (19233). He also received a special life time rider's pass.

Chairman **Clark Burrus** who presented a watch to the retiring board vice chairman, fondly recalled his long association with Hoellen dating back to city government. "You have certainly given us much for which we are grateful. As you leave we wish you God's speed and may the wind always be at your back," said Burrus who added, "I know you will find some other endeavor. I just can't imagine you retired."

Hoellen was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Hoellen, and their son, Robert.

Meanwhile, the board approved the appointment of **Kim B. Fox** to replace the retiring Hoellen. Ms Fox whose tenure ends Sept 1, 1997, was appointed by Governor James Thompson. The new CTA board member is formerly a member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. Named to succeed Hoellen as vice chairman of the CTA Board was **J. Douglas Donenfeld**.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** is joined by three of his predecessors at an open house for retiring Vice Chairman **John J. Hoellen**. Present for the occasion were (from left) former Chairmen **Walter Clark**, **Michael Cardilli**, Chairman Burrus, Hoellen, and former Chairman **Eugene Barnes**.



Elonzo Hill, Deputy Executive Director, Operations, presents Hoellen with a jacket commemorating the 1990 Bus Rodeo competition.



Police Commander **William Dart**, CTA Transportation Section, adds his best wishes.



George Krambles (left), former CTA general manager, (top photo), and **George Millonas** (left) bottom photo), formerly Deputy Executive Director, Maintenance, were among retired CTA personnel attending open house festivities for **John Hoellen**.

A supervisor's hat, a watch and a plaque were among mementoes presented to Hoellen upon his CTA retirement.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** joins Mr. and Mrs. **John Hoellen** at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club for a luncheon honoring retiring Vice Chairman Hoellen.

Executive Director holds architects', engineers' seminar

Representatives of more than 200 architectural engineering and construction firms received an overview of the Chicago Transit Authority's engineering and construction projects planned for the remainder of 1990 through 1991. The plans were introduced Monday, September 17 in a seminar convened by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, and conducted by Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.

Chairman Burrus welcomed vendors saying their presence was the first step in revitalizing CTA's infrastructure. Executive Director Savage said the seminar would give architects and engineering consultants a good idea of how CTA plans to spend federal and state allocated funds.

Deputy Executive Director **David Hillock**, Maintenance Branch, addressed vendors on the problems of deferred maintenance and the inability for timely replacement of rolling stock and fixed plant assets. **Ms. Nuria Fernandez**, Deputy Executive Director, Capital Planning and Construction Branch, gave a detailed overview of CTA's Capital Improvement program and strategies.

Current estimates are that \$224,020,024 will be spent on a variety of engineering and construction projects from October 1, 1990 through December 31, 1991. The funding is provided by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Regional Transportation Authority, and the State of Illinois.

The seminar, believed to be the first of its kind in the transportation industry, was held in Chicago's Merchandise Mart conference room, and was designed to set in motion the rehabilitation of CTA's infrastructure through greater private sector participation.

The obligation of roughly \$500 million in new RTA funding made available through the Illinois General Assembly, meant that CTA's new Planning and Construction Branch created this summer had to determine if the existing funded capital projects were still viable to meet CTA needs, and determine and remove any impediments which could hurt the implementation of these projects, as well as place the projects under contract in the fastest manner.

Ms. Fernandez advised vendors that CTA engineering and construction projects will be advertised through general circulation publications within the Chicagoland area to give all contractors and consultants a fair opportunity at bidding on contracts. Ms. Fernandez also assured architects, contractors, engineers and others attending the seminar that successful bidders may expect the full cooperation of the CTA staff on insuring successful project completion and timely payment for services.

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** gets the seminar underway with welcome remarks.



Sharing vital information with architects and engineering consultants at the recent seminar were (left) Deputy Executive Directors **Daniel Leffers**, Finance Branch; **Nuria I. Fernandez**, Capital Planning and Construction Branch, and **David Hillock**, Maintenance Branch.



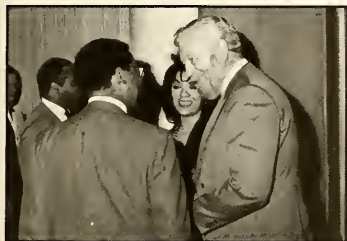
Consultants **Larry Martin**, CH2 M. Hill Engineering, and **Julie Earnest**, of **Larry Gallegos and Associates**, are getting acquainted with **Frank O'Dowd**, Superintendent, Staff Operations, Maintenance Branch.

Paul Swanson (right), Senior Manager, Engineering and Construction, talks with **Jim Powers** (center), president, **Envirodyne Engineers**, Chicago, and two members of his staff.



Receptionists **Marie Gonzalez**, and **Ruby Bolden**, of CTA's Communication Services, received guests arriving for the Architects and Engineers seminar.





Executive Director Alfred Savage (right), shares a light moment with Deputy Executive Director Ernest Sawyer, Administrative Branch, and Sawyer's executive administrative assistant, Mrs. Gloria Tibbs.

Deputy Executive Director Elonzo Hill, Operations, and Executive Director Alfred Savage appear to have had their attention momentarily diverted during a break in the Architects and Engineers seminar action.



More than 200 architects, engineers and other consultants joined CTA staff at the Merchandise Mart conference room for the Architectural and Engineering seminar designed to enhance private sector participation in the Authority's construction and engineering rehabilitation projects.

Bill Carter (left), Andrew Buchel, and Alphonso Castro of Castro-Buchel Architects and Planners were among consultants participating in the seminar which drew vendors with an interest in bidding on CTA projects.



Among projects for which CTA will seek the assistance of qualified contractors is the replacement of the existing bus washing unit at Forest Glen, the design and construction of a new parking facility at Kedzie garage, the rehabilitation of Archer garage, and the design and construction of new underground fuel tanks to replace inadequate fuel storage at various bus garages.

Other projects under the revitalized infrastructure includes the rehabilitation or replacement of approximately 90 rapid transit stations. The 1990-91 Capital Improvement program includes new lighting, service passenger heaters and Windbreakers for four rapid transit stations.

Presently, the CTA which has the oldest fleet of buses in North America, has 961 new buses under contract, Hillock, told vendors. Hillock said delivery of the first 476 buses is scheduled for this fall with the balance due in 1991. He said the annual purchase of about 200 buses will begin in 1993 or 1994 to achieve a stable cyclical replacement program.

The Authority will also test a promising alternate bus fuel by purchasing 25 compressed natural gas buses and will build a "stand alone" fueling and maintenance facility. Buses will also receive a major rehabilitation halfway through their life cycle. The power train and other component systems are expected to be replaced and the chassis repaired before failures can occur in service.

Hillock said CTA also has 256 new rail cars under contract with an option to purchase 118 additional cars. Delivery is scheduled to begin in mid-1992 and will be completed by mid-1994. Some areas of CTA's track, power distribution, signal and communications systems will also be replaced. "This is an area where consultants and contractors can help CTA perform in a timely manner," stated Hillock.

Immediate passenger needs, such as ongoing projects of improving station security and station appearance, are being handled through capital maintenance. On a more substantive level, funding for a new initiative to design and build all rail stations is expected to allow a quicker response to the needs of the disabled community. Replacement of some bus garages, rail shops and other major facilities are also planned for the next five to 10 years.

Daniel Leffers, Deputy Executive Director, Finance Branch, summarized the procedures for vendors to follow when doing business with CTA. Paul Cerpa, representing CTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Contract Compliance office was available to answer specific questions of vendors concerning the DBE program.



Spirit of Chicago for four awarded at board meeting

Three CTA rail personnel and a maintenance employee were presented the Spirit of Chicago award by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** at the September meeting of the board.

The honorees are Howard street conductor **Cyrdell Bragg**, Ashland motorman **Francisco Medina**, North District Rail supervisor **Rudolph Dillon**, and maintenance worker **Fermin Colon**. The four were introduced to the board by retiring Vice Chairman **John J. Hoellen**.

Bragg, who joined CTA in February, was recognized for alerting police to an attack on a woman which led to an individual's arrest.

Motorman **Francisco Medina** and maintenance employee **Fermin Colon** were both applauded for averting separate instances of attempted suicide near their respective work locations.

Medina was on his North-South run approaching 35th street when he noticed a man on the tracks of the elevated structure. He called the Control center and had the power shut off, and police removed the man from the tracks.

Likewise, Colon saw a man attempting to leap from the door of the lead car of an O'Hare line train at the Chicago Avenue station. He grabbed the man and subdued him. The train crew was notified, police were alerted and the would-be suicide was taken into custody.

Honoree **Rudolph Dillon** was remembered for his hasty response to a Kimball terminal towerman who complained of chest pains. Dillon had the Control center dispatch an ambulance to the terminal. Meanwhile, he operated the tower himself to maintain normal service on the Ravenswood line until a relief towerman could arrive on the scene.

Hoellen said he had thoroughly enjoyed the Spirit of Chicago awards presentations because over the many months it had afforded him an opportu-

nity to meet some of CTA's finest employees. "Men and women who not only do a great job, but give that little something extra," Hoellen said.

As the chairman finished his Spirit of Chicago Awards, a resolution was introduced commending Vice Chairman Hoellen for his enthusiastic involvement in the awards in the past. A Spirit of Chicago Award for outstanding service to the Chicago Transit Authority board was also presented to Hoellen.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (center) is flanked by Spirit of Chicago winners **Fermin Colon**, **Francisco Medina**, **Cyrdell Bragg**, and **Rudolph Dillon**.

CTA rescues Metra riders, helps Board of Education

Chicago-bound commuters on Metra trains were involved in two separate mishaps within a week recently. Both times, CTA went to the rescue with shuttle buses to help hundreds of commuters continue their trips on public transportation.

"We are always ready to cooperate with other transit agencies for the benefit of all our area riders," said CTA Executive director **Alfred Savage**.

CTA saved the day when a north suburban Metra commuter train was blocked by a derailed freight car. Seven CTA buses were sent to two rail stations and took Metra riders to the Jefferson Park station where previously instructed ticket agents honored Metra passes and tickets.

Other Metra riders boarded at CTA's

O'Hare, Dempster, and Linden stations where their passes were also honored. A week later, 1,360 riders of a Metra electric commuter train stopped after overhead power wires broke.

Six CTA buses shuttled the riders between the line's Evanston station in south suburban Riverdale and its Kensington station in south Chicago during most of the day until the power wires were repaired.

An additional 120 Metra passes were honored at the CTA's rapid transit terminal at 95th street on the Dan Ryan expressway. Meanwhile, CTA also rendered assistance to the Board of Education by making 22 buses with operators available to transport students

to and from schools on the north and west sides of the city. Again, CTA came to the rescue as problems developed for the Board of Education with a private contractor who would normally have provided the service.

"Here is a case of one agency helping another in a time of emergency. We are happy that we can help," Executive Director **Savage**, said.





New payroll/personnel system project starts

CTA M.I.S. staff, representatives of six user departments and

consultants from Deloitte Touche Company have begun work on Phase I of the New Payroll/Personnel Systems Project. This initial phase will identify and validate user requirements for improved overall Payroll Accounting and Human Resource Management Systems for the Authority. It will also include definitions of how to provide these requirements using commercially available packaged mainframe software. Concluding Phase I

work will be the publication of a Development Plan for software enhancements, and an Implementation Plan for installing the software throughout the CTA.

Overall objectives for this project include placement of many of CTA's existing time reporting, gross payroll processing and personnel data systems with a single unified system, utilizing the same CTA master data file, and providing various user departments with a capability for on-line inquiry and reporting.

Achievements

The following M.I.S. employees have achieved success through programs offered by the Management Development and Training Department:

PUT IT IN WRITING

Christopher Prosperi

EFFECTIVE SPEAKER

Larry Simpson
Christopher Prosperi

MBA ends academic pursuit for awhile

When Accounts Receivable supervisor John Billis received his MBA degree from Roosevelt University this summer, he said it marked the end of his academic pursuits for a while. "I enjoy learning, but I'm going to stop at this point so that I can spend some quality time with my family," said Billis. Throughout his 23 years of CTA service, he has pursued some academic study.

His career was interrupted in 1967 for a brief tour in the U.S. Navy where Billis was an electronics specialist on board an aircraft carrier.

He resumed his CTA employment after 18 months of military service, and enrolled in an evening program at Loop College, and later at Wright Jr. College where he earned an associate of science degree in accounting. Billis moved on to DePaul University where he received a bachelors degree in accounting after a 28-course evening program. The following year he returned to Loop College for a Real Estate program, and finished a graduate program in education at Roosevelt.

A certified teacher, Billis has taught accounting, marketing and mathematics



for the Maine South High School alternative program, which is conducted evenings at Oakton Community College.

"We could always expect John to sign up for a course and to take advantage of CTA's tuition reimbursement program," said Brian Marshall, professional programs assistant for Personnel Development.

"He has been one of the most diligent and most active employees of academic

study under the CTA tuition reimbursement program," said Marshall.

"I've enjoyed the opportunity to study, but I think after 23 years it is really time that I do more things with my family," said Billis. He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of sons ages 13 and nine years old.

Meanwhile, Billis has been selected by the National Reference Institute for inclusion in the 1992-93 edition of Who's Who in American Education.

Benefit services to hold open enrollment November 5 - 21

Employees who may wish to change their health, vision or dental benefit coverage, or reinstate dependent coverage may do so during the Open Enrollment period, set for Monday, November 5, through Wednesday, November 21. Enrollment in CTA's contributory life insurance plan will also be open at this time.

According to Julian Valentine, Director of Benefit Services, Complete Health Care HMO will be eliminated as a provider for CTA and will be replaced by Union HMO beginning in January, 1991.

Valentine points out that employees wishing to modify their coverages may do so by completing the appropriate enrollment card. Changes other than those mentioned above must be completed at the Benefit Services Office, Room 750.

Employees must have marriage licenses, birth certificates, or other appropriate documents to make the necessary benefit changes, Valentine noted. He emphasized "must," and pointed out that failure to provide this information caused some 2,000 employees to forfeit their dependent health and dental benefits on January 1 of this year.

Meanwhile, CTA benefits for military reservists and their dependents will continue for reservists at CTA who are called to active duty for at least 30 days, Valentine said.

For additional information, employees may contact the Benefit Services Department on Extension 3618.



Maintenance team rebuilds wrecker, saves CTA dollars

When a well used 1981 Mack truck in CTA wrecker service literally began to fall apart, mechanic **Mike Ehlinger** of the Beverly Maintenance garage put it back together better than any outside vendor would have says Beverly bus and truck mechanic foreman **Bill Burnette**, "and we got exactly what we wanted," Burnette added.

Ehlinger laid the job out and worked with welder **David Valloni** to replace the old splitting truck body which was falling from the frame of the nine-year old vehicle. Burnette said the truck was

stripped to its frame and rebuilt with a 1/4 inch steel plate body. Lights and wiring were concealed for waterproofing, and needed engine work was done by mechanic **Bill Marchetti**.

The materials and labor costs to repair the vehicle was approximately \$6,000. Burnette said the last truck body provided by an outside vendor had a price tag of \$15,000.

"We're just trying to give CTA some serviceable equipment, and at the same time save money," said **Bob Lee**, superintendent of Utility Repair.



Mechanic **Mike Ehlinger** is flanked by co-workers **Bill Burnette** (left), and **David Valloni** as they stand near the truck they rebuilt with a 1/4 inch steel plate body.



Anniversaries

35 Years

Charles Spears, Ashland/61st/95th

30 Years

David Bowman, North Park,

John Doyle, South Shops

Leo Flynn, Bldg & Grnds

Karl Gaeger, Investments

Curtis Haskell, Power Supv.

Sam Jefferson, Conv & Diff.

George Lindsay, Howard/Kimball

Carl Lyday, Howard/Kimball

Hugh Nasterson, Bus Per/North

Frank Montefalco, Support Shops

Garland Rhines, North Park

John Turner, 69th Street

Early Watson, Jr., Archer

Laurance Weathersby, Jr., 69th Street

Thomas Wilson, Bus Instruction

25 Years

Atlas Brown, Ashland/61st/95th

Lloyd Brown, Support Svcs/Bus

Tom Chandler, 69th Street

Cleven Crawford, Forest Park

Marion Coleman, Ashland/61st/95th

Paul Daniely, Bus District C

Curtis Edwards, 69th Street

Tyree Gray, Kedzie

James Gultrey, 69th Street

Joseph Hendrickson, North Park

Alexander Johnson III, Campaign Area

Gysbertus Mheenbeek, Howard/Kimball

Flim Moore, 69th Mtce.

Stephen Nance, Archer

W. Purnell, Bus Instruction

Pearlman Robinzine, Jr., Bus District B

Joseph Rombout, Power Dist. Supv.

John Smith, 77th Street

Walenty Szofer, O'Hare

* Final Standings 1989-90 77th Street Operator Bowling League

Team	Won	Lost	Team Average
Friday's Trouble	69	36	959 *
Pinbusters	65.5	39.5	942
Tigers	61	44	933
Golden Arms	55	50	928
New Rookies	53.5	51.5	917
700 Club	51	54	920
Hot Rodders	51	54	917
Archer Bandits	50.5	54.5	925
Hitters	49	56	852
Roadrunners	47	58	920
Thunderballs	39.5	65.5	916
Fireballs	37	68	877

* First Place: Friday's Trouble, led by Bill Thompson's league leading high average, won first place for the second consecutive year.

High Team Game Scratch	High Team Game Handicap
Friday's Trouble 1046	Hitters 1120
High Team Series Scratch	High Team Series Handicap
Tigers 2981	Friday's Trouble 3200
High Ind. Game Scratch	High Ind. Game Handicap
Levi Wardell 269	Furlines 286
High Ind. Series Scratch	High Ind. Series Handicap
Bill Thompson 714	Precarely

Top 12 Averages

1. Bill Thompson	7. Levron Baldrige
2. Levi Wardell	8. Talmadge Ireland
3. Emery Gipson	9. Larry Samuels
4. Prince	10. Whip Wilson
5. Bob Kendrick	11. Stewart
6. Ron Thompson	12. C.V. Johnson



Retirees

Michael F. Akai, Central Counting, 30 yrs.
Josephine N. Anderson, O'Hare, 16 yrs.
Ernest Barnes, 103rd Street, 24 yrs.
Carl F. Baumgartner, North Park, 27 yrs.
John A. Boski, Howard Street, 6 yrs.
George J. Dalmas, 77th Street, 33 yrs.
J.W. Driver, Madison/Wabash, 25 yrs.
Mattie L. Elkins, Madison/Wabash, 12 yrs.
Renato M. Godinez, West Shops, 12 yrs.
Eddie L. Gholston, Kedzie Garage, 25 yrs.
Martin Hautzinger, Limits Garage, 33 yrs.
Raymond Holley, 63rd Street, 22 yrs.
Ervin Hourston, Jr., Harlem/Lake, 23 yrs.
Willie J. Kanady, 69th Street, 40 yrs.
James E. Lamont, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Willie Mitchner, Jr., Claims, 27 yrs.
Burgess F. Peterson, Forest Glen, 30 yrs.
Roscoe J. Pierson, 103rd Street, 23 yrs.
Aida Pleas, Kedzie Garage, 13 yrs.
Alvin E. Polowczyk, Forest Glen, 41 yrs.
Robert Robinson, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.
Hattie A. Rohr, O'Hare, 21 yrs.
Roy Smith, Archer, 20 yrs.
Dolores Sullivan, 77th/153rd, 11 yrs.
Melvin Webb, Kedzie Garage, 27 yrs.
Elijah J. Wilson, Sr., West Shops, 25 yrs.
David Young, Limits Garage, 20 yrs.

Cystic Fibrosis sponsors 150K cycle tour



A thousand memories from a single adventure is the theme for the first annual 150K cycle tour fundraiser for

the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Oct 13-14.

The tour which leaves from Woodstock, will take participants on a beautiful ride along tranquil side streets, during the peak of the foliage change, and through the northwestern portion of the state ending in Lake Geneva, WI.

Cyclers will have an overnight stay at Big Foot Beach camping grounds with a hearty dinner and musical entertainment. The return will be by a different route to Woodstock.

Registration is \$30 per person. A \$150 minimum pledge is required of each rider. Additional information on participation or sponsoring a rider is available by contacting Bill or Laura at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, (312) 236-4491.



Memoriam

Edward Aksomaitis, 69, North rail
Edward P. Blicharz, 75, Rail Veh. Shop
Willie Burks, 62, Madison/Wabash
Benedict Butkiewicz, 75, Veh. Mtce.
Jose L. Christian-Medina, 42, North AV.
Joseph Citro, 72, North Park
Nicholas M. Clesen, 80, North Section
Stanley Cureton, 49, Wilson Shops
Bernard Curran, 89, S&E
Simeon Daigle, 51, Lawndale
Carlo Desimone, 89, Engineering
Thomas J. Doyle, 95, 77th Street
John Finaldi, 51, West Shops
Adam Gay, 88, 77th Street
Leon Hegwood, 68, Madison/Wabash

Michelangelo Iacono, 98, S&E
William Keane, 87, North Rail
Leroy Knight, 72, Archer
Walter Lindemann, 83, North Park
Natale Lorenzetti, 87, North Av.
Michael J. McNamara, 88, Kedzie
David Nealis, 41, O'Hare
Charles F. Nelson, 63, Equip. Eng. Mtce.
Anthony Nutile, 81, S&E
Dominick P. Raffin, 74, Veh. Mtce.
Lee Somsel, 92, Noble
Frances L. Smith, 71, North Rail
Edward A. Swital, 73, Veh. Mtce.
Kenneth B. Williams, 84, Trans.
Thaddeus Wodarski, 77, Forest Glen

Maintenance superintendent honored by LaGrange church

Harlem shop rail vehicle light maintenance superintendent Veno Cox, and his wife, Juanita, were honored with a banquet at the Delphian House restaurant in Hickory Hills recently.

The occasion marked the second anniversary of Cox' pastorate of the Second Baptist church of LaGrange.

The assistant pastor at Second Baptist is the Rev. Mario McManus, rail superintendent, O'Hare terminal.

Mark Dundovich, manager, Rail Vehicle Light Maintenance, and his wife, were among more than 200 guests at the affair which included clergy from 14 churches throughout the Chicagoland area. Other Cox CTA co-workers attending the banquet were repairmen Herman

L. Swoope, and Orson Ward, and servicers Daniel T. Reno, and William J. Kincaid.

The Second Baptist Church of LaGrange under Rev. Cox' leadership, conducts a youth counseling program.



Rev. and Mrs. Veno Cox.

Rev. and Mrs. Veno Cox are surrounded by CTA friends at the Delphian House where the minister and his wife were honored on the second anniversary of his pastorage at the Second Baptist Church of LaGrange. The gathering included (from left) Dan Reno, rail servicer, Harlem; Avis Ward, repairmen Orson Ward, and Herman Swoope, the Rev. Mario McManus, assistant pastor of Second Baptist, and rail superintendent, O'Hare terminal; Rev. and Mrs. Cox, and Rail Vehicle Light Maintenance manager and Mrs. Mark Dundovich.





When Joanie's Nursery and Kindergarten, Inc. students visited CTA's rapid transit terminal at Ashland and 63rd street to spruce up its exterior with beautiful decorations last spring, terminal officials made plans to pay the students a visit in return for their kindness. Making good on those plans are (left) motorman **Tariek Gahiji**, and terminal superintendent **Moses Ashley**. The school's hostesses are director Joan Collins (left), teacher Angel Wheller, and 14 of their students.

Our employees have heart



CTA employees recently donated more than \$2,500 to the American Heart Association of Metropolitan Chicago, and the organization says "Thanks." In a recent letter to CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, American Heart Association president **T. Paul O'Donovan** expressed the Heart Association's gratitude for the gift which was provided through the Combined Appeal Plan.

Jim Marshall, CTA deputy executive director, Human Resources, states that "We are always happy when an agency takes the time to note the generosity of CTA people, especially one as important and prestigious as the Heart Association. Its important that employees see that their sharing is appreciated."

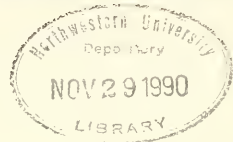
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Benefits improved under employee medical plan



CTA employees are being offered a new quality, affordable health care plan beginning January 1, 1991.

Under the new comprehensive medical plan, once the deductible is met, the plan pays 80 percent of the remaining costs while the employee pays 20 percent, up to an annual out-of-pocket deductible. Once the individual reaches that limit, all medical costs will be paid at 100 percent for the rest of the year.

The new plan will pay 100 percent of many costs if you take advantage of a special feature called **Travelers Preferred PPO**. Under the plan, Travelers has contracted with several hospitals and doctors who have a proven record of high quality care. If you use one of the Preferred hospitals or doctors, you'll incur no additional cost.

How PPO differs from an HMO

Employees who enroll in an HMO must first select a primary care doctor who will be the primary care provider. The HMO doctor must also authorize all other health care services which the employee may need. Treatment or services outside of the HMO are not covered.

However, when an employee is enrolled in Travelers Preferred PPO, the individual will enjoy a lot more flexibility. First of all, you decide whether you need medical care, and whether or not you want to use a doctor or hospital that is part of the Travelers Preferred PPO network.

You'll receive an extensive directory of Travelers' hospitals and doctors from which to choose. In fact, it's quite likely that your doctor is already a member. Whenever you use a hospital or doctor in the Travelers network, you'll incur no additional cost. If, on the other hand, you use a hospital or doctor outside of the

network, the plan will pay 80 percent of eligible expenses while you will be responsible for the other 20 percent.

New plan means improvements

If you use a hospital or doctor with Travelers Preferred PPO, the following costs will be covered at 100 percent:

- * Semi-private hospital room
- * Surgical expenses
- * In-hospital physician visits
- * Physician office visits * diagnostic lab tests
- * Well baby care (immunizations and check-ups which were not previously covered).

The lifetime maximum benefit has also been increased from \$250,000 per covered individual to one million dollars.

Review choices now

During the month of November, CTA employees have the opportunity to select and enroll in an HMO for the coming year. If you decide not to select an HMO, you'll automatically be enrolled in the Travelers Preferred program.

Benefits Services Manager Charles Anderson said because of provisions in the new plan, employees should review their health care needs now and compare plan provisions (see chart on page 6-7). Anderson said only by understanding how each plan works will employees be able to decide which health care coverage is best suited for them.

CTA ranks high in performance among peers

CTA compares favorably among peer transit operators in its basic performance, effectiveness, and efficiency. A recent analysis by CTA using uniform federal reporting data gives CTA high marks for operations, maintenance and passenger service.

The performance of U.S. transit properties compared in the analysis indicates that almost 63 percent of all CTA employees are directly involved in transportation service, a percentage 22 percent higher than average for the comparison group.

These figures suggest that the CTA has

proportionately fewer people employed in the administrative area than other large transit systems. Moreover, 86 percent of all CTA operator salaries are paid for productive platform time, a figure six percent higher than that of the peer group, according to the report.

Performance indicators say maintenance costs per vehicle mile are 20 percent lower than the peer group's average, yet the CTA gets close to 65 percent more vehicle miles per road call for a mechanical failure. Indications are that this all is accomplished with a relatively lean

maintenance staff, as evidenced by CTA's obtaining 17 percent more vehicle miles per maintenance employee than the comparison group.

Generally, CTA has performed reasonably well from 1984 through 1988, the report shows. Costs have increased generally less than inflation, while many other measures have shown improvement. CTA has done particularly well with respect to safety. The total number of accidents per 100,000 miles has dropped 30 percent within this five year period.

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Executive's message

Interest arbitration proceedings regarding the Authority's new contract with its labor unions is now completed. Thanks to the hard work and conscientious efforts of both union and Labor Relations staffs, an equitable and cost-effective contract has been obtained. Following is a discussion of the salient points of the contract.

Question: What is the duration of the new contract?

Answer: The agreement is in force from December 1, 1989 through December 31, 1992.

Q: How are wages affected?

A: The agreement increases the top hourly rates of bus operators and motor-men by the following amounts, on the Sunday closest to the following dates:

Date	Top Hourly	
	Amount	Rate
December 1, 1989	\$.35	\$14.95
January 1, 1991	.50	15.45
July 1, 1991	.45	15.90
January 1, 1992	.50	16.40
September 1, 1992	.60	17.00

Q: Are these rates just for members ATU Locals 241 and 308?

A: No. All other classifications covered by our collective bargaining agreements will be increased by the same percentage equivalents.

Q: What impact does this have on progression rates?

A: New employees in the various bargaining units will continue to observe the 42-month, five-step pay progression scale before they can attain their top rates. The levels of pay for each of the first four steps will be five percent less than for those employees who were hired before the effective date of the arbitration. A similar five percent reduction in progression applies to Metal Trade Council and IBEW apprentices, as well as escalator servicemen and engineering assistants.

Q: Are there changes in benefits?

A: Yes, and they are significant. The Authority may now substitute a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan for the traditional basic/ major medical health plan. Under the new plan, employees will pay 20% of their hospital, surgical and medical bills, unless they utilize a PPO-affiliated hospital and doctor. In that case, the plan will pay 100 percent of costs. The same 20 percent cost provision applies to



**Jim Marshall, Deputy Executive Director
Human Resources**

drug expenses, as well. Another change in the employee benefit package is the elimination of supplemental accident coverage. Moreover, the deductible applies to hospital/medical expenses only; a separate \$25.00/\$50.00 deductible is imposed for dental expenses. The bottom line is that the new agreement enables the Authority to improve what has been a good, competitive benefits package while at the same time accruing significant cost savings.

Q: What impact does the new agreement have on pensions?

A: Virtually none. The basic pension formulas remain the same, while some improvements are provided for present retirees. A minor change allows union officers to have their union salaries counted toward their contributions and pension credit.

Q: Are there other things we should know about?

A: Yes. First, the CTA may now conduct blood and/or urine tests during a return to duty physical for any employee performing or supervising an operating function. Some changes in collection procedures are spelled out, and the union has a limited right to a second sample, whether or not it requested by an employee.

Q: What effect does all of this have on the Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?

A: Quite substantial. Rule violators with under five years' service will not be considered for suspension into the EAP, and even that will now depend on the



Day in CTA honors four for outstanding service

nature of the incident, the employee's disciplinary record, and years of service. No rule violator will have more than one opportunity to be assigned to the program involuntarily.

Q. May employees still volunteer for EAP?

A. Yes; they may have as many as two opportunities to volunteer for EAP. Volunteers will be eligible to return to operating position in three months if they have not tested positive in the month preceding their planned return. If, after five months, the employee has not remained free of substance abuse, he or she will be terminated.

Q. Is this provision the same for rule violators?

A. No. Rule violators cannot return to active service for six months, and only if they test negative in the preceding month. If they register positive, they will be terminated. The agreement makes one other important distinction between rule violators and volunteers: While non-violators are allowed two opportunities to volunteer for EAP, rule violators may volunteer for the program only once in their careers.

Q. What about random testing?

A. Both volunteers and rule violators are subject to random testing for a period of two years. If they are found positive while on active status during that time, they will be terminated.

Q. Are there other significant aspects of the agreement that we haven't discussed?

A. Yes, and here are some highlights:

1. Full-time employees hired before December 1, 1989 are not subject to layoff.
2. The CTA now has the right to implement a rotating extra board at its discretion.
3. A limited part-time insurance package will be made available to the dependents of part-time employees.
4. Various agreements that were previously negotiated, such as an increase in ticket agent picks and an updated report time provision, were made a part of the contract.
5. Employees in light duty jobs will retain their benefits if they have sufficient service.

Three Operations personnel and a Special Services certifier were recent recipients of "A Day in CTA" honors for exceptional performance.

Lawndale clerk **Barbara McBroom**, an employee for 12 years, was recognized for her outstanding efforts during the period of July 28-30 when a power outage affected a large portion of the city, including the Lawndale garage.

Ms. McBroom went the extra mile during the crisis by alerting employees living in the area. She made wake-up calls to those who were to report for early runs which resulted in all early morning runs getting out on time.

Motorman **John Schoeps** of Howard terminal, a 14-year employee, was recognition for having prevented what could have been a long service delay and possibly a derailment. Schoeps was standing on the platform at Howard terminal

one bright summer morning when he noticed the sensor bar of a train wedged between the wheel and the sander hose. Schoeps alerted the supervisor who had the train removed from service.

Meanwhile the actions of combined rail operator **Kathryn Bialek** probably saved the life of a young man who was being chased by a group of teens with a gun. Ms. Bialek was working as a ticket agent when the youth ran into the station, jumped the turnstile and asked her to call the police. Officers were dispatched, and arrived to take the offenders into custody.

Special services certifier **Arlene Titone** of Hawthorne was praised for uncovering fraud in a client's application for certification as a Special services user. Ms. Titone's alertness led to the discovery of irregularities which resulted in the applicant being denied use of Special service.



*Day in CTA honorees are getting acquainted with procedures in the Control Center as explained by Rail Controllers **Efrain Villarreal** (seated), and **Bill White** (right). The honorees are (from left) **John Schoeps**, **Kathryn Bialek**, and **Arlene Titone**.*

CTA donates to APTF scholarship

The Chicago Transit Authority has contributed \$2,000 to the American Public Transit Foundation scholarship fund drive of the American Public Transit Association.

The APTF is designed to increase the number of young professionals entering the transit career field to sustain growth and improvement within the transit industry.

In acknowledging CTA's contribution **Richard J. Bouchard**, APTF chairman, told CTA Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, "Your support to this endeavor is greatly appreciated." Bouchard said the goal of APTF is one that can be supported with justifiable pride.

Observe second annual Hispanic-American fest

The second annual Hispanic-American Heritage celebration,

sponsored by CTA's Affirmative Action department, was held in the employees cafeteria at the Merchandise Mart on September 28. Program organizers presented an array of artifacts, posters, music, literature, and Hispanic cuisine for the enjoyment of all.

Traditional folk dancing by students of the McCormick school was the highlight of entertainment. **Ketty Silva**, senior buyer in the Purchasing department, and her father, **Rafael Abad**, delighted onlookers as they reeled to the merengue, a Dominican ballroom dance.

Executive Director **Alfred Salvage**, and Deputy Executive Director **James Marshall** applauded the occasion as a continued milestone in the efforts of the Affirmative Action department to bridge diverse cultures in the Authority's workforce.

Aida M. Galarza, Manager, Affirmative Action, expressed sincere thanks to volunteers who helped make the second Hispanic-American Heritage observance a success.

*Happy to share some tasty morsels of Puerto Rican cuisine is **Awilda Zanin**, Reproduction finishing clerk in CTA's Duplicating section.*



Luis Maleo, of Forest Glen garage, known to fight fans as the "Pitbull," and proudly wearing his championship belt, is introduced to employees at the Hispanic-American fest by Affirmative Action Manager **Aida Galarza**. Maleo is recognized as the WBA Welterweight champion.



Dancing the Merengue is Purchasing department senior buyer **Ketty Silva**, and her father, **Rafael Abad**, of St. Augustine College.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The following M.I.S. Employees have achieved success through programs offered by the Management Development and Training Department:

MIDDLE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Daniel F. O'Connor

SOMETHING OF INTEREST

September, 1990, Berkeley, Calif. --- The first computer "bug" was actually a moth, according to a story carried in Fortune, a University of California-

Berkeley computer service. Navy Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (COBOL) was working on a Mark 1 computer in 1945, trying to locate a bad circuit. A moth was located and removed. From then on, said Hopper, problems with the computer were called "bugs".

The M.I.S. Office Automation Section, headed by Paul Olenski, recently prepared an extensive 65 slide presentation, using microcomputers and special graphic software. This material was used very successfully by the Executive Director in presenting CTA Operations and Capital budget information to the RTA Board.

Middle school students hear Aida Galarza

Aida M. Galarza, CTA's Affirmative Action manager, was guest speaker before a class of 149 students of the McCormick Branch Middle school recently.

The Affirmative Action manager spoke of the variety of career opportunities available, and urged youths to prepare themselves by investing in their futures through the development of skills and knowledge which will qualify them for positions in engineering, marketing, architecture, business, law, and other fields of endeavor.

Her presentation to the predominantly Hispanic and Black class, focused not only on recognition of their accomplishments, but included a "participatory" exercise to help the students realize some of the difficulties before them as they strive towards a quality education.

Ms Galarza has been committed to the socioeconomic advancement of disadvan-

tagged adults and youth for over 20 years. She is a member of numerous national and local organizations, including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Chicago Women in Government, Association of Latino

Affirmative Action Officers, and National Hispana Institute. She is also chairperson of the Human Resources Committee for the Board of Directors of the Midwest Women's Center.

As CTA manager of Affirmative Action, Ms. Galarza has developed several new activities and programs designed to enhance opportunities for minority and female employees. Through her work

with the Midwest Women's Center, she has assisted women who have taken advantage of training opportunities, and she continues to be a positive role model for others who avail themselves of the center's services.



Vet's forum on public TV channel

Tom Vasquez, a department service officer for the American Legion, and the son of CTA Accounts Payable clerk Maria Grabowski, is the producer of Veteran's Forum, a weekly series on Community Access News TV19.

The program provides a valuable service for military veterans, and focuses on issues affecting them, their families and their communities.

Vasquez estimates that more than 300,000 veterans reside in the Chicagoland area who belong to no veteran's organization and who receive virtually no information on the benefits and services available to veterans. Vasquez has produced special shows with regional VA representatives to provide information about VA program services.

Vasquez served in Vietnam as a Navy gunner's mate from 1968 to 1970. He started producing Veteran's Forum while he was a student at Triton College. The program may be seen each Thursday at 7 p.m., and Friday at 2 p.m. on CAN-TV19.

Dr. Hess is named to Hopkins faculty



Friends of the Hess sisters, Benefit Management analyst Maria, and Claims utility clerk Susan, are sharing their joy in the appointment of

their brother, Dr. Allan Hess, Ph.D. who was named a member of the Faculty of the School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland. He is associate professor of Oncology which includes a joint appointment with Immunology and

infectious diseases. He is also deputy director, Bone Marrow Transplant Laboratories.



BENEFITS

CURRENT TRAVELERS PLAN BENEFITS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1990

Coverage Highlights

Deductible	\$100 Individual; \$200 Family
Annual Out-of-Pocket Deductible	None
Lifetime Maximum	\$250,000

Outpatient Services

Physician Office Visits	80% after deductible.
Diagnostic Lab Tests	Paid per schedule.
Routine Physical Exams	Not covered.
Well Baby Care	Not covered.
Prescription Drugs	100% with a \$3.50 per prescription deductible.
Outpatient surgery	100% of usual and customary charges.

Hospital Inpatient Benefits

Semiprivate Room	100% up to 120 days per illness or injury. 80% thereafter, subject to major medical deductible.
Surgery	100% of schedule up to \$2,200 per procedure. 80% thereafter subject to major medical deductible.
Inpatient Physician Visits	100% up to \$20 per day, up to \$2,000 per illness or injury. 80% thereafter subject to major medical deductible.
Maternity	100% semiprivate room and misc. services. \$385 payment for delivery of baby (including pre- and postnatal care). 80% thereafter subject to major medical deductible.

Emergency Room Services

Accidental injury	Paid in full.
Illness	80%; 100% if hospitalized.
Supplement Accident	100% of the first \$300 for physician visits.

Psychiatric/Substance Abuse

Lifetime Maximum	\$25,000
Inpatient Care	100% up to 120 days per illness. 80% thereafter, subject to major medical deductible. 21-day maximum for substance abuse.
Outpatient Care	50% to \$20 per visit. 50 visits per year.

BE SURE TO NOTIFY PATIENT ADVOCATE: If you are insured by the Travelers plan, remember that when surgery or a hospital admission is required, you must notify Patient Advocate within one working day from the admission. Failure to contact Patient Advocate will result in a 20% decrease in the covered benefit.

**TRAVELERS PREFERRED PPO
BENEFITS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1991**

**TYPICAL HMO PLAN
(See Specific HMO For Details)**

100 Individual; \$200 Family	Not applicable.
1,200 Individual; \$2,400 Family Applies only to non-PPO providers	Not applicable.
1,000,000	Unlimited.
100% after deductible if PPO network physician. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO physician.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	Paid in full.
Not covered.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible.	\$3.00 deductible per prescription at participating pharmacy.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	Paid in full.
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100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible if PPO network physician. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO physician. One visit per day limit by attending physician.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	Paid in full.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	\$25 co-payment. Additional requirements may apply based on the selected HMO.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	
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\$25,000	Not applicable.
100% after deductible if PPO network provider. Otherwise, 80% of usual & customary charges if non-PPO provider.	30 days per year paid in full.
80% of usual & customary charges up to 30 visits per year, subject to use of PPO network provider.	\$20 co-payment per visit. Limited to 20 visits per year.

If an emergency admission is proposed, Patient Advocate must be contacted at: 1-800-521-0157. For an emergency admission, you must call Patient Advocate

Operations host 2,000 at Lincoln Park picnic



Deputy Executive Director **Elonzo Hill**, Operations, shares responsibility for barbecuing hamburgers and hotdogs with other volunteers.



Linda Grysbeck enlists the assistance of a lass to draw for prizes.



Getting things in shape for the 2,000 plus crowd of Operations employees and guests attending the first annual CTA Operations picnic are (from left), **Edward Hill**, **McRayfield Caldwell**, and **Jim McLane**.

The weather man took a bow as the elements permitted more than 2,000 CTA employees to enjoy CTA Operation's first annual picnic held August 26 in Lincoln Park.

Linda Grysbeck, Director, Operations Training Development, who was chairperson for this year's event, had praise for her committee, and the volunteers who helped put the activity together. "It was really a good feeling to have so many people pitch in as we were busy putting up tents, canopies, and other necessities," said Grysbeck.

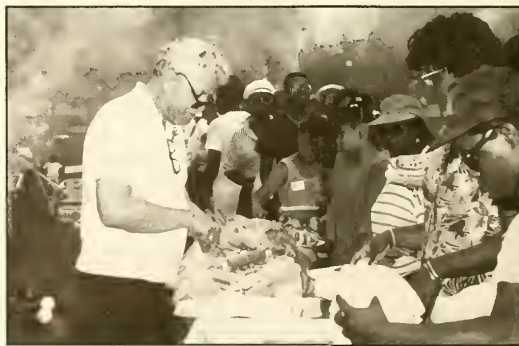
A bus load of hotdogs, hamburgers, potato chips, pop and all of the usual goodies for a picnic were delivered to Grove Number Two in Lincoln Park where they were barbecued, dressed and consumed by the fun loving lot of Operations employees, other CTA personnel and their guests who wrecked a few waist lines, but had a great time.

There were games galore for kids and adults as well as prizes for everyone. It was a very good day on the field of competition for rail employees who swamped bus personnel on the baseball diamond as well as on the volleyball court.

The fun fest ran from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and shuttle bus service was the proper solution to the parking problem. Shuttles were conducted from 77th Street, Kedzie and Forest Glen garages to Lincoln Park for employees who really wanted to leave the driving to someone else.

The committee covered every aspect of organizing the event. South Shops built two grills which were used for barbecuing, and Maintenance provided generators, and garbage cans. The city Fire Department was also on hand to handle any emergencies that may have developed.

Besides having a great fellowship, fun and plenty to eat, 19 employees ended the day with some great prizes. A 13-inch



Executive Director **Alfred Savage** puts hotdogs and buns together as picnic enthusiasts line up at the food table.



television went to Bus Instructor **James Thaxton** while **Janece Simmons** of Desplaines was the recipient of a casio, two-inch, LCD TV. Weber grills were presented to Controller III **Alphonzo Fleming**, and **Ezell Pate** of 103rd Street garage.

Receiving Panasonic clock radios were: **Nidia Rodriguez**, Accounting, **Leonard Sims** and **Edward Brown**, of North Park; **Ossie Graham**, **Kimball**, and **Darletta Moore**, Howard. Vivitar cameras went to: Bus Supervisor II **Lee Ross**; Bus Instructors **Fred Powell**, and **Willie McFall**; **Cecil Anderson**, and **Dianna Owens**, Forest Glen; **Randolph Taylor**, North Park; **Allie Thompson**, General Office; **Leon Hegwood**, North Rail; **Joseph Bender**, 63rd Lower Yard, and **Felicia Clower**, Limits garage.

In line for a vote of thanks for rolling up their shirt sleeves and helping to make the Operations picnic a huge success are committee members: **Linda Grysbeck**, **Anthony Borcic**, **Ollie Winston**, **Lillian Lahr**, **Arthur Hubbard**, **McRayfield Caldwell**, **Annie McIntosh**, **Phyllis Montgomery**, **Jim Price**, **Elvin Carey**, **Shirley McClure**, and **Carmen Gonzalez**.

Ms Grysbeck said volunteers who assisted were: **Wilamena McLane**, **Carlotta Meyers**, **B.C. Morris**, **Debbie Dorsey**, **Bruce Price**, **Anthony Winston**, **Christopher Winston**, **Ezell Pate**, **Anna Gonzalez**, **Harvey Kirkpatrick**, **Raymond Cortez**, **Roberto Flores**, **Joe Gonzalez**, **Richard Gonzalez**, **Rica James**, **Veronica Parker**, **Lola DuCree**, and **Doritha Davis**.

Other volunteers were: **Rose Tate**, **James McLane**, **Robert Julun**, **Ina Tuff**, **Fred Powell**, **Conrad Joseph**, **Paul Spencer**, **Ron Philpot**, **Doris Randall**, **Marlene Taylor**, **Susan Davis**, **Valerie Odoms**, **James Zepp**, **Diana Caston**, **Karen King**, and **Joseph Mitria**.



Members of the picnic committee which organized the activity are (from left): **Phyllis Montgomery**, **Arthur Hubbard**, **Lillian Lahr**, **Elvin Carey**, **Jim Price**, **Annie McIntosh**, **McRayfield Caldwell**, **Ollie Winston**, and **Linda Grysbeck**, committee chairperson.



Bus personnel put up a good fight, but rail employees took the picnic volleyball championship in the best two out of three games.



Skipping rope as youngsters have always done is being enjoyed here by this young set of picnickers.



Electric slide, the latest dance craze, is practiced here by this young group of picnic goers who are picking up on the musical beat provided for the event.



IGA represents Chicago Transit before Congress, City, and State

By George Edwards

CTA's office of Intergovernmental Affairs represents the Authority in matters before the U.S. Congress, the State legislature and the Chicago City Council.

In 1989, IGA led the successful campaign to get increased state funding for capital improvements projects. As a result, nearly \$500 million will be available to CTA over the next five years for projects such as improvements to the Howard Street yard.

Since January, IGA has been working for re-authorization of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA). The act is the federal law which authorizes Congress to make funding available to transit operators.

STAA, like most federal laws which authorize spending, requires Congress to periodically review the programs it has approved and to re-authorize them by a specific deadline. September 30, 1991 is the deadline for STAA. If Congress does not re-authorize STAA, or establish new programs for transit under a different authorization, new federal funding commitments cannot be made after that date.

Clearly, CTA has a major stake in the re-authorization of STAA since it receives approximately \$80 million from STAA programs each year—Urban Mass Transit Administration (UMTA) money which is actually authorized by STAA. These funds go to CTA's capital programs. About half of CTA's capital funding comes from STAA sources. Federal funds have been used for almost all of CTA's capital improvements, including the recent

purchase of 256 new rail cars and 761 new buses.

CTA has already launched a campaign to convince Congress to re-authorize STAA. In January, CTA began working with Mayor Richard M. Daley's staff to harmonize our requests for re-authorization of transit and highway programs.

STAA also authorizes federal highway programs, which spend many times the money that transit programs spend. CTA also began working early this year with the American Public Transit Association (APTA), to develop program recommendations acceptable to rural and urban systems, to "new start" properties and to old rail properties such as CTA, and most important, to the members of Congress who represent those properties.

In September, CTA hired a lobbyist to work closely with the Chicago Congressional delegation on re-authorization matters. Board Member J. Douglas Donenfeld has been invited to testify before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works to inform the subcommittee of the extent and urgency of CTA's capital funding needs.

In the months ahead, CTA will continue to advocate re-authorization of STAA. The recent resolution of the national budget crisis—which sets "no growth" goals on nearly all federal programs—will make our work more difficult. We in Intergovernmental Affairs are confident, however, that a re-authorization will be accomplished by Sept. 30, 1991.

Eligible bonds to receive bonus in 1991

All series E U.S. Savings Bonds held and earning interest as of their first semiannual interest accrual date in 1991 will be eligible to earn a half percent interest bonus, retroactive for 11 years.

For the period since market-based interest began in November 1982, the bonus is applied to the guaranteed rate (or rates) of each bond. If the guaranteed rate, including the added half percent, is lower than the market-based rate applying on the first semiannual interest date of 1991, the market-based rate will apply.

For the period before November 1982, the bonus will be applied in addition to the fixed rates then existing—6.5 percent from January to October 1980, 7.5 percent from November 1980 through April 1981, and 8.5 percent from May 1981 through October 1982.

Savings Bond Investment Yield Tables bearing information on the effect of the interest bonus on particular Series E Bonds is available upon request from the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Public Debt, P.O. Box 1328, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328. Requests should specify the time period for which bond values are needed. Tables for May-October 1991, including bonus interest accruing in May and June, should be requested after February 1, 1991.



CTA Maintenance Training Center students (left) at Hawthorne are learning proper soldering techniques on bus electrical wiring harnesses. The three-week comprehensive electrical training program instructs bus repairers and line instructors how to troubleshoot and repair electrical defects found on all series of coaches in the CTA bus fleet. Bus repairer **Anthony Stewart** (right), of Archer garage, demonstrates the sensitive touch and concentration demanded while soldering electrical components.





Anniversaries

40 Years

Joan Georgeson, Claims/Law
Homer Harris, Schedules
Ervin Schultz, North Park

35 Years

Sidney Edwards, Jr., Mtce.

30 Years

Clarence Baker, 77th Street
Ernest Feltz, Utility Repair
David Greig, Power Dist.
Alonzo Hooper, Mtce Tng Ct.
John Koepke, Jr. Ele. Con. & Sys. Mtce.
Arthur Lupescu, Ele. Con. & Sys. Mtce.
Salvatore Marsico, Forest Glen Mtce.
Eleson Murphy, Schedules
Levell Nichols, Gen. Bldg Mtce South
Jasper Polizze, Gen. Bldg Mtce, North

25 Years

Albert Balentine, Ashland/61/95
Frank Bocclair, Rail Janitor Svcs
Johnny Bonner, Jr., 77th Street
Carol Bowman, Accounting
William Cantwell, West Warehouse
Gerald Caston, 69th Street
Quillen Chubb, 103rd Street
Betris Clark, Agents North
Eugene Clifford, Field Support
Juanita Eden, Rosemont
John Groom, 103rd Street
Joseph Hickey, Mtce Tng. Ct.
Larry Hughey, Body C
Frank Jones, Oper Comm. & Power
James Rivers, Limits
Holsey Sampson, Jr., Howard/Kimball
Benjamin Smith, Racine Mtce.
James Thompson, Lawndale
T. Williams, Rail Janitor Svcs.
Theodore Williams, 77th Street



Memoriam

Charles J. Baraglia, 77, North Avenue
Isaac Barho, 63, Engineering
George A. Brown, 84, Limits
Gabriele DeMatteo, 77, Stores
B.T. Dixon, 67, Limits
Margaret Donagher, 89, Agent/West
Fred G. Eulberg, 94, Devon
Michael Frejlich, 77, Transportation
Jettie B. Glenn, 65, Madison/Wabash
John P. Gubbins, 66, Material Management
Vincent Guznick, 80, Forest Glen
Henry B. Hanson, 79, 77th Street
William Haunroth, 75, Transportation
James J. Johnson, 58, West Shops
William Kropp, 80, Vehicle Mtce.
Fred Meyers, 88, Forest Glen
Morris M. Coleman, 77, Claims
Otto Moser, 87, RTD
John P. Gubbins, 66, Materials Management
Leon M. Poe, 62, South Shops
Frank L. Powers, 87, Limits
Gilton L. Quick, 80, Electrical
John T. Rafferty, 85, S&E
James R. Smith, 62, 69th Street
William H. Sunagel, 82, Forest Glen
Onofrio Suranno, 87, SD
Arthur B. Toerpe, 93, SD
Raymond R. Wishner, 82, Keeler



Retirees

October Retirees

Robert L. Barnes, 77th Street, 25 yrs.
Willie Bonner, 63rd/Ashland, 26 yrs.
Ernest Hennecke, 103rd Street, 27 yrs.
Charlie F. Hill, Kedzie garage, 25 yrs.
Jerome Holmes, North Park, 33 yrs.
Gussie L. Jones, Kimball Term., 26 yrs.
Ruben J. Lopez, Sr., North Park, 14 yrs.
Bhupindar S. Mallhi, Equip Engr., 19 yrs.
Lynn E. Owens, 77th Street, 25 yrs.
Lillie M. Watkins, Lawndale, 12 yrs.

Disability Retirement

Rosali Molina, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.
Robert Surita, 77th Street, 28 yrs.
Jeffrey Waymon, 103rd Street, 27 yrs.

Christening



Proud granddad Apolinar Guardiola, a Madison/Wabash rail janitor, attended the christening of his granddaughter, Cynthia Carolyn Ochoa, on October 7. The 10-month old Cynthia is also the niece of Lawndale bus operator Cesar Guardiola.

Pensioners Note:

Your present I.D. card will be invalid after Jan 5, 1991

NEW RIDING CARD PICTURES BEING TAKEN FOR 1990-91-92

If you are a retired CTA employee and want to receive your new 1990-91-92 identification card, the time has come to have your photograph taken at the locations listed below.

The CTA photographer will be taking photos from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the dates shown.

To avoid long waiting lines, photos are scheduled to be taken **alphabetically by last name**. Please note the date set aside for you. If you **cannot** come in on your scheduled date, we will photograph you at any of the other scheduled times.

FOREST GLEN GARAGE - 5419 W. Armstrong

A-G Monday, December 3
H-O Tuesday, December 4
P-Z Wednesday, December 5

ARCHER GARAGE - 2600 W. Pershing Rd.

A-G Thursday, December 6
H-O Friday, December 7
P-Z Monday, December 10

To identify yourself you must bring your present I.D. Card. If you no longer live in the Chicago area or will be unable to be photographed at this time, please keep your present CTA pensioner's pass. When you are in the area for a visit, just call (312) 664-7200, ext. 4936, or come to the Merchandise Mart, Room 769. We will be happy to photograph you at that time.
NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MERCHANDISE MART DECEMBER 3 THRU DECEMBER 10.



Little League champs



Kedzie bus operator **Terry Bew** (right/rear), a 19-year CTA employee, is justifiable proud of the Near West suburban Bellwood little league team which he managed last season. The youth baseball team captured the 1990 All-Suburban championship by swamping another local team in a nine-team league, and battled its way to the coveted honor through 16 games. The 14-member team includes Bew's 12-year old pitcher/third baseman son, **Ozzie** (second from left/rear). Other team officials are assistant coaches **Cathy Winch**, and **Eddie Franklin**. The little league team is comprised of youths ages 11-12.

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Seasons Greetings

The holiday season is here, whether we are ready or not. And as always, this is a time for reflection on the past, and hopes for the future.

This is also my first holiday season at the Chicago Transit Authority. The months have flown by since beginning my tenure as your executive director. But I have already been firmly convinced that the greatest asset of our system is yourselves, the men and women who make the CTA go.

This year, you and your families will be receiving a special holiday greeting from myself and CTA Chairman Clark Burrus. It is a card designed by a CTA graphic artist, Al Grady. Al chose a picture from the era of streetcars for his painting on the cover. It shows one of the last generations of streetcars passing under a then brand new series of cars on the Ravenswood line. The painting reminds me of the many generations of Chicagoans who have depended on public

transportation to make their way around this city.

As the CTA heads into the next decade—with newer train cars and buses arriving each year—it will be up to all of you to keep the system running at the high standard we have come to expect. The world is an uncertain place as 1990 comes to an end. The Persian Gulf situation changes daily. The economic picture is not bright. But here in Chicago, we can offer one part of life that everyone can count on—a well run transit system. That is the goal I hope all of you work for in 1991.

I hope the greeting card, printed by our reproduction unit, finds a place in your home. It represents a sincere wish from myself, my wife Georgia and our family, for all the best to you and your family this holiday season.

Alfred Savage



Executive Director **Alfred Savage** (left), gets a look at Graphic designer **Alan Grady's** painting of a 6100 series 'L' train and the 1700 series streetcar. Each employee will receive a copy of the painting which will be on the front of a season's greeting card.

On the Cover:

Striving for Excellence honorees enjoyed festivities at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry as CTA recognized 1,670 exemplary employees from all divisions. Mayor Richard M. Daley joined Chairman **Clark Burrus** and Executive Director **Alfred Savage** for a gala appreciation night for CTA people who approach their jobs with pride. Story and photos on pages 6 and 7.



Maintenance keeps buses healthy into their afterlife

Anyone who has tried keeping the family clunker going well beyond its expected lifetime should have special appreciation for the job CTA's bus maintenance crews have been doing lately to provide service for Chicago area riders.

Delays in the delivery of an order for 491 buses from the Transportation Manufacturing Corporation, of Roswell, New Mexico, have forced CTA to make the best of a big-city fleet that is already one of the oldest in the nation.

While the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has set 12 years as the standard for the design life of a bus, CTA still operates about 1,520 of the 1000, 7400 and 9000 series General Motors units that were built between 1972 and 1975. Another 16 buses from the Flxible Corporation have been running, mainly on Lake Street, since 1969.

"Making service is the name of the game in our business," said Richard Winston, Senior Manager, Bus Maintenance. "Whatever it takes, we're committed to having the required number of buses out on the streets. And when they leave the bus shops, you can bet they're as safe and sound as we can make them."

Keeping vehicles in service after 15 to 20 years on the streets takes a great deal more than an occasional lubrication or tire change.

"When a bus has hit as many potholes and gone through as many winters as these have," Winston said, "you've got a long list of items to check to make sure they stay road-worthy. Vibrations can loosen bolts, while wheels and axles need to be replaced more often. Also, caulking and rubber molding have to be replaced to keep out the cold air."

Despite the mounting challenge, Winston said the mileage between road calls increased 25 percent last July and August, compared to the same period of 1989. Staying ahead of the potentially disabling wear and tear of older vehicles brought about the establishment of a three-step preventive maintenance program.

Inspections, which used to be made every 6,000 miles, are undertaken after only about 4,000 miles of service. Fluid leaks are repaired more aggressively, thereby extending the life of engines and transmissions.

In addition, oil analysis procedures have been expanded to identify more effectively the causes of operational problems that may appear in a particular bus. More attention is also being given to collision and body repair, brake replacement and engine overhaul.

All this effort is apparently paying off. Winston said that in the entire month of October, only four runs were kept off the

street because of equipment problems. This in spite of having as many as 245 buses in South Shops at one time, and going to extraordinary lengths to keep others from having to be brought in.

To save the time and expense of bringing a bus out to 78th and Vincennes to be fixed, welders are sometimes sent into the field to make quick repairs on such items as cracked seat frames or mounting brackets. Engine people even go out to change pistons.

The idea is to get the work done as quickly as possible," Winston said. "We don't have the option a car driver has of leaving his vehicle in the shop and taking alternate transportation while it's being fixed. CTA must operate the system everyone else relies on when other means fail."

To help upgrade maintenance procedures throughout the system, Winston said technical services support to garages has been improved and quality control efforts have been heightened.

He said that while 436 highly qualified technicians are assigned to heavy maintenance duties at South Shops under the command of Donald Sturenfeldt, manager, another 998 handle lighter maintenance work at CTA's nine garages under the direction of Tom Gecan, manager, Light Maintenance.

"We have a dedicated staff," Winston said. "They all know what a challenge it is to keep the buses running, and that they're accountable for getting the work done. There is great teamwork among support functions, and we meet regularly with Transportation people to maintain cooperation between departments."

Even after the arrival of all 491 buses from TMC, and an additional 470 units from the Flxible Corporation, CTA will still have to maintain more than 500 aging GM buses until another order can be placed and delivered.

"Selecting and upgrading the overage buses that will have to remain in the fleet will be a real test of our skills and ingenuity," Winston said, "but it's going to have to be done."

"Fortunately for CTA and its riders, our crews are able to rebuild or improvise the reconstruction of a number of parts that are difficult to replace," he added. These would include entire bulkheads, heater compartment doors, engine doors and defroster boxes.

The family clunker would never have it so good.



Carpenters **Jose Molina** (left) and **Felix Fabre** smooth body filler on the front end of a damaged GM bus to rejuvenate it for a few more years of service to CTA riders.



Improved medical benefits introduction set for Jan. 1

Beginning January 1, 1991, the CTA will offer Travelers Preferred, a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). Travelers Preferred is a network of doctors and hospitals who have agreed to provide most of their services at no cost for CTA employees after the deductible is satisfied.

Travelers Preferred providers are carefully monitored by the Travelers to ensure that CTA employees and their families receive quality care. You should have already received a packet from the Travelers with detailed information on how Travelers Preferred works. The packet includes a directory of Travelers Preferred doctors and hospitals.

Following is a discussion of primary concerns expressed by some employees about Travelers Preferred:

Q. What are the advantages of using a Travelers Preferred doctor or hospital when I need medical care?

A. You may choose whether or not you wish to use a Travelers Preferred doctor or hospital each time you need medical care. And, since Travelers Preferred covers many services at no charge, the key advantage to using a Travelers Preferred doctor or hospital is the flexibility and cost savings.

Q. Do I need to decide right now if I want to use the PPO doctors or hospitals?

A. You decide at the time you need medical care whether to use a PPO provider, or a doctor or hospital outside the network.

Q. What is the difference between a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)?

A. The primary difference is that a PPO offers more flexibility. Employees enrolled in an HMO must use that particular HMO's doctors and facilities. In a PPO, you decide at the time you need medical care whether to use a PPO provider, or another provider of your choice.

Q. How will I know if my family doctor and my hospital participate in the Travelers Preferred PPO network?

A. A directory, included in your information packet from the Travelers, lists all participating doctors and hospitals. You may also call the Patient Advocate toll free number, 1-800-521-0157, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Q. If I use a PPO provider, do I have to complete a claim form?

A. Yes. You must submit one claim form to the Travelers per year for each family member or for each new illness or injury, whether or not you use a Travelers Preferred doctor or hospital. Most Travelers Preferred providers will submit their bills directly to the Travelers.

Q. What should I do if I need medical care?

A. If you wish to receive care from a PPO provider, you can find one near you by consulting your PPO directory or calling the Patient Advocate toll free

number. Be sure to tell the doctor or hospital that you are enrolled in Travelers Preferred. You may also need to show your Travelers Preferred Identification card at the time of your visit.

Q. What if my doctor recommends that I be hospitalized?

A. If your doctor is a Travelers Preferred doctor, and he recommends hospitalization, he will probably refer you to a PPO hospital. It's a good idea to check your PPO directory, or call Patient Advocate for confirmation.

Any hospitalization requires pre-admission certification whether or not you are in a Travelers Preferred hospital. For a planned admission, you must call the Patient Advocate toll free number, 1-800-521-0157, as soon as admission is planned. When there is an emergency admission, Patient Advocate must be notified within one business day after the admission. Benefits will be reduced if you fail to call for pre-certification, or if Patient Advocate deems the hospital stay not medically necessary.

Q. How are outpatient mental/nervous and substance abuse charges covered under the plan?

A. To receive benefits for mental/nervous, or substance abuse treatment you must use a preferred provider. The plan will then pay 80 percent of the customary charges for up to 30 visits per year.



Ready to pull the winning ticket for this beautiful cedar chest built by Executive Director Alfred Savage is Ms. Rebecca Cousins, executive secretary. A fare box vault with the tickets is held by Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources James Marshall. The winner was Harry Hirsch, senior manager, Operations Planning. Chest ticket proceeds of \$100 were donated to the United Fund.

Rail instructors participate in CHA "Kid Safe Day"

The Chicago Transit Authority took an active role in Illinois' state-wide "Kid Safe Day" declared for October 13 by Governor James Thompson, and simultaneously by Mayor Richard M. Daley for the City of Chicago.

CTA participated in the local celebration sponsored by the Chicago Housing Authority in which children learned from CTA rail instructors about safety precautions which they should observe when waiting for public transportation, and while riding the 'L' trains.

"It's Fun to Ride in a CTA Train," a guide published by the CTA Community Relations Section, and listing the do's and don'ts for riding the CTA, was made available to children participating in the day's activities.

Kid Safe Day was comprised of various safety education workshops which were



*Using posters and other visual aids, rail instructor **Debra Hampton** emphasizes "Do not play on or near the tracks" as she talks to youths at a Chicago Housing Authority center during "Kid Safe Day" program.*

presented in classroom settings of 20 to 30 minute duration. Workshops were conducted on fire, water, and personal safety, gun/firearm, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), railroad safety, fingerprinting, and transit safety.

Workshops were also held on the subjects of gang awareness, substance abuse, street safety, first aid, baby-sitting, disaster preparedness, and stranger danger.

CTA rail instructors who made Kid Safe presentations at CHA developments throughout the city were: **Debra Hampton**, **Joe Nash**, **Frank Pepper**, **Lou Payne**, **Lonnie Perry**, and **James Stevens**.

Kid Safe was developed in 1984 by the National Safety Council as a vehicle for bringing the message of safety to children nationwide.

Three trainmen foil robbery, earn Spirit of Chicago award

The Spirit of Chicago award was presented to three operating employees at the November 6 board meeting by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** for their efforts which led to the apprehension of three men who attempted to rob a passenger on a Ravenswood train.

Accorded the special recognition were Motormen **Adello Bianchini** and **David Meriweather**, and Conductor **William Ross**. Bianchini and Ross were crewmen on a northbound Ravenswood on which the three men attempted to rob the passenger at Sedgwick. Ross contacted the control center with a description of

the assailants and asked for assistance.

Meanwhile, the three men fled from the platform and boarded the southbound Ravenswood train as it approached the station, but **David Meriweather**, the motorman of the southbound train who had overheard the request for assistance, saw the trio board his train. He notified the control center, which in turn called police. Meriweather then held his train outside the Chicago/Franklin station to give officers time enough to arrive. As he pulled the train into the station, the three were taken into custody.



*Spirit of Chicago award winners (from left) **Adello Bianchini**, **David Meriweather**, and **William Ross** display certificates of recognition presented to them by CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**.*

A capital improvement



Bus Supervisor **Allen Jacobs** enjoys the comfort of a new supervisor's booth located at Hubbard and Wells streets where Jacobs is assigned. The facility is one of several new booths erected throughout the city under CTA's capital improvement program. Each booth is equipped with a telephone, heated for winter comfort, and air conditioned for Chicago's summer days.



Striving for Excellence welcomes honorees, guests

The Chicago Transit Authority honored 1,670 employees at a glittering affair held in Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry on November 3. Each employee had met the stringent requirements for winning places in the "Striving for Excellence" competition.

Personnel selected for Striving for Excellence honors had maintained year-long exemplary work records, and had not missed a day of duty. Moreover, CTA's honored operating employees had accident-free, and rules violations-free service records during the past year.

"This year's stringent requirements for winning marked the return of Striving for Excellence competition, and for the first time included employees from all branches of the CTA. The more employees we can honor, the better it will be for our riders and the CTA in general," said CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**.

Opening ceremonies were in the Museum of Science and Industry's Rosenwald Court where Mayor Richard M. Daley set the tone for the evening as he joined transit officials to praise CTA's finest workforce for their outstanding performance. The mayor presented a resolution of the Chicago City Council to Burrus in honor of the occasion.

"CTA's real heroes are not up here on stage," the mayor told the gathered throng. "They're in the audience among you," he said. "The people who put themselves on the line with the public every day deserve our thanks and recognition," the mayor added.

Burrus said the evening was set aside to honor those exemplary employees who have helped to uphold the tradition of excellence that has endured at CTA for more than 40 years. "This tradition derives from a special quality—an intense desire to excel. It enables CTA to strive toward providing safe, efficient and dependable service.

"We began the 1990s with a renewed commitment to those goals. In the coming days, it will be evident on our trains and buses, and at every CTA facility in our service area.

"Nowhere, however, will it be more apparent than in the continuing dedication of CTA people—people who approach their jobs with the pride that goes with being a winner," said Burrus.

CTA Executive Director **Alfred Savage** noted that CTA has long been recognized as a leader in providing transit services. Savage said, "From the first day I started working with you at the Authority, I have noticed the dedication and commitment of CTA employees in performing their duties and responsibilities. The Striving for Excellence Awards Program is a fine tribute to those individuals who put forth an extra effort to maintain professionalism in the performance of their jobs."



Mayor Richard M. Daley presents CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** the Striving for Excellence award, as adopted by the Chicago City Council.



Former CTA board member **John Hoellen** (left) joins members of the board at the Striving for Excellence gala activity. Others are (from left) **Phyllis Brzeczek**, board secretary, Board Members **Kim Fox**, **James Charlton**, **Arthur Hill**, and Vice Chairman **J. Douglas Donenfeld**.



The official CTA team greeting Mayor Daley on the Authority's big night at the Museum of Science and Industry included (from left) Commander **William Dart**, Security Service/Police Liaison; CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer **George Edwards**, Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, Deputy Executive Director, Operations, **Elonzo Hill**, and Senior Manager, Maintenance **Craig Lang**.



Program committee members were on hand to witness events of the big night. They are (from left) **Linda Grysbeck**, chairperson; **Thomas Hovany**, Transportation; **Clayton McLean**, Human Resources; **Virginia McGraw**, Skokie Shops, and **William Wong**, Support Services.



Chicago City Council Resolution Striving for Excellence

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority has provided our great city with safe, efficient, dependable transit service for forty-three years; and

WHEREAS, The employees of the CTA have proven their dedication to the citizens of Chicago by working at a level above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, These very distinguished public servants include bus operators, trainmen, ticket agents, clerks, service supervisors and instructors, bus and rail servicers, repairers, janitors, laborers, foremen, plumbers, electricians, machinists, transit planners, secretaries, analysts and accountants; and

WHEREAS, The CTA is planning to recognize the fine efforts of those employees who have provided their services in a courteous and cooperative manner to the citizens of the City of Chicago; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council, assembled this 3rd day of October, 1990, salute these fine men and women for their outstanding service and dedication; and

Be it Further Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the outstanding employees who are being recognized and the CTA as a token of our appreciation.

Richard M. Daley
MAYOR

Walter S. Kozubowski
CITY CLERK

He emphasized that both union and non-union employees were required to meet the tough selection criteria in order to be honored at the 1990 Striving for Excellence Program. "The outstanding work performance of these employees truly embodies the motto of tonight's program," Savage said.

Another salutation to honorees came from Governor James Thompson, who although he did not attend, sent his greetings. The governor said, "Transportation is an essential part of our world today and I salute the hard work and dedication of these faithful employees. I would like to commend those who have excelled in their positions with efficient, dependable service. The City of Chicago is dependent on CTA to ensure that Chicago remains a competitive hub of commerce, and we're indebted to each of you for your part in this service."

Other resolutions hailing the honorees included the Senate of the State of Illinois, signed by Senator John P. Daley, and the State House of Representatives, signed by Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan.

Three awards ceremonies were held in the museum's auditorium with **Elonzo Hill**, Deputy Executive Director, Operations conducting the first one. **Craig Lang**, Senior Manager, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, on behalf of **David Hillock**, Deputy Executive Director, Maintenance, conducted the second ceremony, and **James Marshall**, Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, presided over the third ceremony. A 10 minute Striving for Excellence video, filmed at various CTA locations, was shown at all three ceremonies. Honorees received Striving for Excellence certificates, a \$20 gift certificate from Marshall Field's, a booklet listing all honorees, and a ribbon.

Following the formal aspects of the program, honorees and their guests enjoyed dancing to music provided by disc jockey Ed Redmond.

The Striving for Excellence organizing committee included **Linda Grysbeck** and **Thomas Hovany**, Operations; **Virginia McGraw**, Maintenance, and **Clayton McLean**, Human Resources.



Honorees and co-workers sharing the evening socially are (standing from left) **Lenzell Alford**, and **Frank Anderson**, Lawndale garage; **William Wherry**, Kedzie garage, and **Mrs. Orletta Wherry**; **Robert Austin**, Lawndale; (seated) **Bobby Davis**, Kedzie garage; **Mrs. Melvina Davis**, **Mrs. Kertrealer Austin**, **Mrs. Margaret Barnett**, and **Jonas Barnett**, of Kedzie garage.



Dancing in the foreground of the museum's auditorium is honoree **Sean Scott**, a Skokie Shops material coordinator, and his wife, **Mrs. Elizabeth Scott**.



Striving for Excellence honorees relax in the Museum of Science and Industry's Rosenwald Court.



Plaque honors Authority for adoption efforts

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** was presented a plaque at the November board meeting by the Adoption Information Center of Illinois in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

The recognition was for the chairman's commitment and support in promoting adoption awareness among CTA employees during 1989 and 1990. In a major effort to help find families for the more than 400 children waiting to be adopted, the CTA became the first corporate sponsor of the "Company Kids," or Adopt a Child program in June 1988. Marilyn Panichi, Adoption Information Center of Illinois director, told the CTA Board, "We are extremely proud and very grateful to Chairman Burrus, and the CTA board as well as to Terry Hocin and his staff. The CTA has been an advocate of finding homes for these children; several CTA employees are now adoptive parents," she said.

Hocin, who was also named on the plaque, featured children waiting to be adopted on Metrovision. His Promotions staff has also hosted adoption information meetings for employees, and maintained photolisting books of waiting children in the CTA library.

Adoptive families with their children, as well as children still waiting to be adopted, were present at the CTA Board meeting to receive tickets to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus, courtesy of CTA. The CTA's generosity provided an opportunity for more than 1,000 children and foster or adoptive families to attend the circus.

The Adoption Information Center of Illinois is the state's central source for all inquiries, referrals and information about adoption. The AICI is located at 201 North Wells Street, Suite 1342, Chicago. Their toll free number is 1-800-572-2390.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** holds the plaque presented to him by Gary Morgan (left), Associate Deputy Director, Department of Children and Family Services, and Marilyn Panichi, Director, Adoption Information Center of Illinois.

CTA hosts England transportation minister and staff

The Chicago Transit Authority continues to be a source of professional information for other U.S. and western world transit properties.

England Transportation Minister Patrick McLoughlin and members of his staff visited CTA October 17 and were briefed on aspects of administration, financing and transportation. The British transportation chief met with CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, and Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.

Briefings were conducted by Deputy Executive Directors **Ernest Sawyer**, Administrative Branch; **Jud Lawrie**, Budget, Planning and Management Information Systems Branch; and **Elonzo Hill**, Operations. The transportation minister's CTA orientation included a viewing of the 10-minute video, "Showcase CTA," an organization overview.

Other members of Hill's Transportation staff conducted a tour of the control center in the Merchandise Mart for McLoughlin and his entourage, and a tour of the Kedzie garage. The transportation minister was accompanied by Douglas Evans, Department of Transportation, London; David McMillan, British Embassy, Washington; British Consulate General Ray Jones; and McLoughlin's private secretary, Simon Buck.

The CTA itinerary for the group was coordinated by Advertising and Promotions director Terry Hocin, and Promotional Services representative Michael Taylor.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (right), and Executive Director **Alfred Savage** (rear) met with British Transportation Minister Patrick McLoughlin (second/right) and his entourage after a CTA briefing. McLoughlin's group also got a tour of the control room at the Merchandise Mart, as well as facilities at Kedzie garage.

Italian, Native American cultures are celebrated

CTA's Affirmative Action Department celebrated two heritage observances recently in its continuing effort to reach out and share the customs and cultures of the various ethnic groups represented in the Authority's workforce.

The endless Renaissance of Italy came alive in the general office lunch room at the Merchandise Mart on October 30 as the Affirmative Action department sponsored an Italian American Heritage Month celebration.

On November 20, Native Americans also presented a program in the cafeteria. The American Indian Center of Chicago provided arts and crafts for display along with those contributed by employees.

Like similar heritage day activities at CTA, the art, cuisine, and history of both events were also the focal points of these observances.

Dominic DiFrisco, president of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, spoke of the language, the architecture, the art and music and other contributions of Italian Americans to the nation's culture as he addressed a noon day lunch crowd. DiFrisco noted that the greatest gift of the Italian people has been the people themselves.

Meanwhile, genuine Italian artifacts were on display. The works represented various parts of Italy which is so easily recognized on the map by its boot-like shape. Employees saw paintings from Calabria in the south to jewelry cases and other knickknacks from Venice in the north, and Naples, and Sorrento in the country's central region.

Cuisine was the greatest attraction for Italian Americans as evidenced by a single file of people who appeared haunted by the pungent, tantalizing aromas of the Italian American heritage activity suddenly waking up their taste buds. The great numbers found themselves yielding to a gastronomic temptation as they filed into the lunch room. After all, who doesn't eat Italian? The line was extended from the rear door to more than two thirds the length of the facility as people waited to sample such treats as melanzane parmigiana (eggplant), calamari (squid), arrosto di vitello (roast beef), salsiccia Italiano (Italian sausage), formaggio assortiti (assorted cheese).

There were other treats such as the variety of pasta so familiar to everyone, pizza, and calzone. Biscotti (cookies), dolce (sweets), spumoni and cannoli were also plentiful for those with a sweet tooth. While employees enjoyed their food,

accordionist Manny Quartuccio, a retiree, serenaded with music of an Italian flavor.

The CTA celebration was held in conjunction with Italian American Heritage month, and was coordinated by **Jim Saviano** of Management Services, and **Joseph Cappelletti**, of Accounting Systems and Operations.

Among volunteers assisting coordinators of the Italian American Heritage month program were **Anna Marie Nisivaco**, CTA Security, **Awilda Zanin**, **Michael Tucki**, and **Michael Bruno** of Management Services; **Bob Bizar** of Marketing, and **Rita Ritrovato** of Financial Reporting and Analysis. The roll call goes on with **Egidio Bevacqua** of Budget, **Lucille Caiafa** and **Muriel Szykowny** of Treasury; **Frank Montefalco**, and the chef for the occasion, **Carlo DePalermo**, both of West Shops; track supervisors **Frank DeMonte** and **Dominick Cinquepalma**, and **Joe Simonetti**, and **Rosemarie Podlasek** of Hawthorne.

Native Americans were privileged to have the expertise of **Cecelia Stumbling Bear** of the American Indian Center, who spoke to her audience on the significance of such artifacts, and costumes as baskets, blankets, jewelry, headdress, spear heads, and other items on display. She also interpreted dancing done by children of the Audubon School, the only facility in the Chicago Public School system which offers a curriculum in American Indian studies.

American Indian cuisine which also attracted long lines, included buffalo meatloaf, rabbit, turkey, squash, sweet potatoes, wild rice, corn pudding, and cranberries. Assisting the Affirmative Action staff as program coordinators for the Native American observance were **Maggie Chitto**, of Operations, and switchboard operator **Rose Houle-Cobe**, of the general office.



Cecelia Stumbling Bear of the American Indian Center explains the significance of Indian headdress and other costume items.



Accordionist Manny Quartuccio serenades as a group of exchange students from Bologna, Italy enjoy the Italian heritage activities. During their United States visit the youths attended Morgan Park High School.



Ready to dish it out Italian style are (from left) Michael DeAngelis, Nidia Rodriguez, Rosemarie Podlasek, and Anna Marie Nisivaco.



Indian students perform one of several dances as CTA employees and guests look on.



Students from the Audubon School, proud of their Native American heritage, march into the cafeteria in bright apparel ready to share in CTA's cultural enrichment program.



DBE/Contract Compliance is a guardian of fairness

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Contract Compliance Department has been delegated the responsibility of ensuring that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to participate in CTA's total procurement process.

The department is comprised of two distinct units administering program requirements. These units are the DBE Program and Contract Compliance. In conducting their respective responsibilities, these program units lend support to contractors and staff while continuing to develop operational procedures designed to further enhance the Authority's DBE Program.

DBE Program

To guarantee the integrity of the program, the DBE Program ensures that only bonafide DBEs (performing a "commercially useful function") benefit from the program. As part of this effort, a DBE must become certified with the CTA. This is followed by the DBE's name being maintained in the certification directory, which is available upon request.

The DBE Program is also responsible for the Outreach and Recruitment efforts through its newsletter, networking activities with technical assistance agencies, seminars, training programs and by participating at minority business events throughout the year.

An example of some of these sponsored organizations and activities are: the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council—Business Opportunity Fair, SBA Small Business Expo, Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic American Construction Industry Association, Women Business Development Center, City of Chicago Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, "How to do Business with the CTA" Vendor Training Seminar, and the Minority Enterprise Development Week.

Furthermore, the DBE Program unit plays an active role with CTA's Treasury Department by encouraging maximum utilization of minority financial institutions for CTA depository investments. Copies of bid advertisements and specifications are also routinely sent to community and technical assistance agencies.

Contract Compliance

The primary function of the Compliance unit is to establish the DBE goal, review, evaluate and monitor the goal attainment during the contract life cycle.

reviewing DBE and Equal Employment Opportunity participation on construction contracts, and includes certain annual contracts along with the one time purchases of goods and services.

Moreover, the Compliance unit is responsible for preparing monthly and quarterly reports to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration regarding DBE goal achievements. The unit also performs the role of DBE advocate by insuring that all necessary and reasonable steps are taken to allow maximum opportunities for competition and performance of DBEs by reviewing specification language, meeting with various governmental and special interest groups concerning Contract Compliance programs, and assisting the user department in implementing the DBE Program.

The unit also meets with prime contractors and subcontractors to discuss goal attainment, and areas of DBE usage, advises DBEs of contract awards, monitors existing contracts for written verification and site visits, and assists as DBE liaison for payments and compliant process.

In accordance with CTA's organizational adjustments effective June 1990, a new area of responsibility has been added to the department. The DBE Program/Contract Compliance Program also has the responsibility for monitoring progress in the attainment of the affirmative action goals in the work force.

The combined efforts of these two units along with support of the CTA chairman, the CTA board, executive director, deputies, senior managers, managers and their management staff work together to make the Authority's DBE Program a success. The overall goal has increased from 25 percent in 1987 to the current 30 percent goal for 1991.

The following charts depict the DBE Program/Contract Compliance Department's combined (operating and capital dollars) goal achievement for fiscal year 1987 through 1989:

Total Banking Investments		
FY 87	FY88	FY89
\$1,800,000	\$3,000,000	\$4,200,000

Total Percentage of Lessees/Concessioners	
The overall DBE goal established for FY 89 was 10 percent for leasee and on concession agreements. Because FY89 was	

the first year the CTA began to review its leasing program in accordance with UMTA terms and conditions, only figures for 1989 are available in which the achievement was 18.6 percent (Preliminary figures for 1990 indicate 58 percent).

Total DBE Contractual Dollars		
FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
\$6,377,321 (32.8%)	\$11,614,596 (37.5%)	\$30,164,976 (30.7%)

The DBE Program/Contract Compliance Department will continue to intensify its efforts to make equitable opportunities for DBEs a reality.

Increased competition among vendors for the Authority's business will ultimately result in high quality goods and services available to us at the lowest possible price. A Disadvantaged Business Program is simply a matter of good business practice.



Pamela Beavers, manager, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Contract Compliance, joins representatives of other service boards to discuss goal achievements before the Regional Transportation Authority's administrative committee.



Paul Cerpa (right) conducts an on-sight visit to certify a vendor's warehousing capabilities.



'Chili-Dog Thug' spot wins advertising award

The Broadcasting Club of Chicago presented its "Windy" Award to the Chicago Transit Authority for its "chili-dog thug" radio security campaign.

The radio spots ran exclusively in the Chicago area last year and were directed to "all would-be hoodlums, maulers and chili-dog thugs." Created by Equinox Advertising of Chicago, the ad copy was part of a long-running overall agency campaign to combat crime on CTA.

Strategically placed on top radio stations and aired during morning and afternoon drive times these spots warned:

"If you're a wrongdoer who thinks that our CTA passengers are easy prey, think again, sucker.

We're not going to take what you've been dishing out.

We're not going to take purse snatching, chain grabbing, vulgar language, pick-pocketing, obscene behavior, graffiti, smoking, counterfeit passes, radio blasting, spitting or turnstile jumping. ...You will get caught.

Because we've just increased the number of patrol officers on foot, patrol officers with dogs, and even patrol officers in helicopters."

"Windy" awards are given for excellence in the creative use of radio and are judged by a panel of judges selected for their knowledge of radio advertising and marketing. The "chili-dog thug" spot won in the "local other" category which includes campaigns.



Accepting the "Windy Award" presented to CTA by the Broadcasting Club of Chicago are (from left) **Elonzo Hill**, Deputy Executive Director, Operations; **Raleigh Mathis**, Senior Manager, Security Services; Board Member **Milton Holzman**, and **Ernest Sawyer**, Deputy Executive Director, Administration.



Retirees

November Retirees

Namon Brown, District C, 31 yrs.
Griz Craig, North Park, 25 yrs.
John Debro, Schedules, 26 yrs.
Harry Green, 69th Street, 27 yrs.
Willie McGee, 103rd Street, 34 yrs.
John Meehan, Wilson Shop, 28 yrs.
Flim W. Moore, 69th Street, 25 yrs.
Cleophia Pendleton, 69th Street, 25 yrs.

Disability Retirement

Mattie L. Bankhead, 103rd Street, 15 yrs.
Xavier Carrera, O'Hare Terminal, 13 yrs.
Quintin Figueroa, Kedzie Garage, 11 yrs.
Greene Love, Jr., DesPlaines, 23 yrs.
Artie L. Matsey, Beverly Garage, 15 yrs.
Gloria Tijerina, Archer Garage, 12 yrs.
Thelma Walker, North Park, 15 yrs.

Playwright bus operator keeps the facts straight



In 1984 when **Charley Lane** saw a play on the death and resurrection of Christ, he said the Biblical facts were so distorted that it was disturbing.

Lane felt compelled to set the record straight, but

the only way to get it right was to do it himself, so he became a playwright.

Charley, a bus operator from 103rd street garage with 24 years of CTA service, enjoys being a playwright. One needs only spend a few minutes with him to realize that he burns with a desire to let God use his talent.

"I watched a play in which Mary Magdalene is shown touching Christ as she meets him in the garden following the resurrection. Here she is instructed to "go and tell my brethren." I decided it was time somebody told the story correctly. His plays have been produced on Chicago Access TV, Channel 19 since 1988 when he wrote "Joey the Scarecrow," a story about avoiding drugs. His works also include "Papa Hell is so Hot," and "I'll Rise Again," both aired on public television. Lane is also a qualified TV cameraman.

He and a friend, parttime bus operator **Davidson Kibble**, were lyricists for "Hell Before Heaven," and "I'll Rise Again." Lane also wrote the lyrics for "We are One," a wedding song for his son, Rodney Bernard, and new daughter-in-law, the former Vernetta Clinton. The couple was married last month.



Anniversaries

40 Years

Adele Monson, Information Svcs.

35 Years

Elvin Carey, Bus Service

James Moore, Utility

30 Years

James Braun, Forest Glen

Patrick Griffin, Traction Power

Robert Julun, Jr., Bus Pers./South

John Murphy, Power District

Carl Schmook II, Bldg Mtce./South

Paul Stahulak, Communication Mtce

William Uhl, Claims

John Ware, Mechanical

25 Years

Willie Baker, Lawndale

Iva Barnes, Lawndale

John Brown, Archer

Bobby Griffin, Archer

George Hand, Oper. Comm. & Power

Birnest Hicks, Comm. & Sys. Mtce

Martin Johnson, North Park

Charles Jones, Limits

Verlin Jones, 69th Street

Aaron Neal, 77th Street

Leodis Pittman, Lawndale

Keesler Polk, Jr., Central Bus Dist.

Porfirio Rosales, Forest Glen

Tommy Ross, Forest Glen

Thomas Ryan, Electrical

Roland Scheibe, DesPlaines Mtce.

Richard Settles, Jr., 103rd Street

Donald Trenda, North Park

Eugene Vann, Archer

Johnnie Winston, 103rd Street

Edward Wright, 69th Street



Board of education, police honor three CTA employees

CTA employees participating in Chicago's "We Care Role Model" program received certificates of appreciation at a recent reception held in their honor.

The volunteers receiving the special recognition were **Brian Marshall**, professional programs coordinator, Management Training and Development; **Olivia Bradley**, project controller, Capital Development, and **Bertram Mims**, supervisor, Community Relations.

The program is a joint effort of the Chicago Board of Education and the Youth Division of the Chicago Police Department. Participants considered for the "We Care Role Model" program are selected by a Board of Education/Police Department committee whose recommendations come from various sources.

Program participants visit Chicago's elementary and high schools where they provide positive communication with students as a means of encouragement. Discussions of careers and direction for attaining specific goals are the focal point of classroom visitations by program volunteers.

The three CTA employees participating in the "We Care Role Model" program are among hundreds of other people in a variety of careers who work or live in Chicago, including sports professionals. Each of the individuals were recommended by their respective community sources.



*Chicago Board of Education Superintendent Ted Kimbrough (left), and Chicago Police Superintendent Leroy Martin (far right), had certificates of appreciation for CTA employees (from left) **Brian Marshall**, **Olivia Bradley**, and **Bertram Mims**, volunteers in the "We Care Role Model" program sponsored jointly by the Board of Education and the Youth Division of the Chicago Police Department.*

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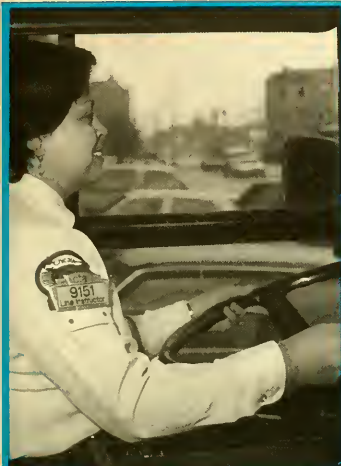
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Executive's Message

The year ahead for CTA will be both exciting and challenging. It will be exciting because of the many changes that will be coming to our agency. It will be challenging because of the many obstacles we face in making those changes.

None of the changes will be possible without the full support of everyone involved. With that in mind, let me share with you some of the major events we can look forward to in the coming months.

NEW BUSES: After many frustrating delays, new buses manufactured by the TMC Corporation, of Rosewell, N.M., have finally begun arriving. By the beginning of February, we should have more than 100 in service. By the end of summer, all 491 will be in service. These will be the first mainline buses to offer wheelchair lift service for the disabled. Another 470 buses are being manufactured by the Flxible Corporation, of Delaware, Ohio. Delivery is expected to begin in the summer. These new buses will represent nearly one-half of the fleet now in service. In the meantime, it is a credit to the hard work of the bus maintenance staff that we have been able to keep our oldest buses, some with more than 700,000 miles of service, in operation.

NEW RAIL CARS: We are moving ahead with our order for 256 new rail cars from the Morrison-Knudsen Corporation, of Hornell, N.Y., currently the only U.S. railcar builder. We hope to begin taking delivery in 1992.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS: An unprecedented capital spending program is now under way. One of the first projects this year will be the improvement of the rail system in the State Street subway. This will begin in the spring, and will mean closing the subway on selected weekends. During this time, subway service will "go over the top," using Ravenswood and Lake-Dan Ryan tracks. Another major rail project will be the replacement of ballasted track on the Skokie Swift, and similar work will take place on the Douglas and Ravenswood branches. Construction will also start on a new rail maintenance shop at Howard Yard. Other construction projects set to begin this year include two new bus garages; one at 74th and Wood, and another at Chicago and Pulaski.

CTA HEADQUARTERS: The CTA board of directors voted in their January meeting to remain in the Merchandise Mart. A final lease is now being negotiated. We intend to consolidate all activity on the 19th and 5th floors, beginning late this year. The new lease will mean an improved control center, a proposal for a new computer center, and modern office facilities for a number of departments.

ELECTRONIC FARE COLLECTION: A major push is under way to modernize the way we collect fares. Electronic pass cards will become the fastest and cheapest way to ride CTA, both on the rail and bus systems. These changes will begin in the fall of 1991, and continue into 1992.

These are some of the visible improvements we propose in 1991 for the system. However, it will not be possible to carry them out effectively without the dedication and hard work of every one of you. Many of these projects will test our ability to continue providing service during construction, and, I am sure, your patience and, even more importantly, that of our customers. But if the CTA is to carry Chicago mass transit riders into the next century on a safe and modern system, this work is vital. I look forward to working with all of you as we begin this mission.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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Skokie Shop Open House An Eye-Opener For Visitors

Pride, dedication and talent were on display throughout Skokie Shop on Saturday, December 8, as the Maintenance Division held its open house for CTA employees and their families.

The open house, which is held every year by a different division of the Maintenance Branch, was intended to showcase the talents of shop employees and expose others to the intricate and complex work required to properly maintain the Authority's rail car fleet.

Nearly every employee in the shop

participated in some way preparing for the event. On the day of the open house, over 120 employees volunteered their time to explain the various displays and functional exhibits.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., an estimated 1,800 visitors were treated to "hands-on" working mock-ups of various railcar subsystems, displays of tools and explanations of the function and use of components. There were also train rides, visits with Santa and refreshments.

At the end of the day's activities, ticket stubs were drawn for door prizes made by some of the many

resourceful shop employees. The prizes included wood bookends adorned with bronzed rail spikes, a clock made from a 6000-series marker light housing, and a wooden rocking horse. The grand prize was a metal replica of CTA's antique car 4271 made by blacksmith/welder **Ken Blocker**.

Visitors to the open house came from almost every department of the Authority. Others were retirees and people from outside organizations. Everyone left with great appreciation for the

high level of skill and the complexity of work needed to maintain rail cars in safe and reliable condition.

For Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**, the open house provided a welcome opportunity to experience the creativity of Skokie Shop personnel, and meet the families of a number of CTA employees. Senior Manager **Craig M. Lang** called the event "a tremendous success, and a fine example of the pride and commitment of all Rail Vehicle Maintenance employees."



Shop foreman **Patrick Harnett** (left) talks with an open house visitor about a GE control group used to brake 2400 and 2600-series cars.



Talented blacksmith/welder **Ken Blocker** (left) tells attentive youngsters about how he makes art forms from pieces of scrap metal.



Machinist **Joel Windham** (left) explains various parts of a display featuring brake assemblies to an interested family at Skokie December 8.



Train trips to Skokie terminal at Dempster were a favorite of young visitors under the care of switchman **Jim Carroll** (with vest).

Rail Vehicle Maintenance Helping Hands Feed 300 Families

Some 300 needy Chicago families were the lucky recipients of Christmas holiday food baskets paid for, packed and delivered by Rail Vehicle Maintenance Division personnel as part of its annual Helping Hands Program.

Employees of the division donated over \$4,600 to purchase the baskets, which contained a complete holiday meal. Included were a five-pound ham, ten pounds of potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls and an apple or cherry pie.

In addition, over 300 new gifts were donated for the children of the families involved. The success of the program was a reflection of the tremendous generosity of division employees, who contributed more than twice the amount given in 1989, when 165 families were fed.

Craig Lang, senior manager of the division, said volunteers began packing the baskets at 5 a.m., December 20, and went right on to load them on trucks and deliver them. Those taking part included representatives from all ten terminal shop locations and the major rebuild facility at Skokie.

Lang praised all the participating employees for having "a tremendous sense of community and an overwhelming commitment to serve the Chicago area in every way possible." He said the food baskets were delivered to the St. James of Canterbury Community Services Organization in Uptown, the Humboldt Park Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative, in Humboldt Park, and the Door of Hope Mission in the Kenwood neighborhood on the South Side.



Volunteers from the Rail Vehicle Maintenance Division offer helping hands to pack and load food baskets at Skokie Shop before delivering them to needy Chicago families on Dec. 20.

United Way Giving Increases By More Than Half

The recent United Way fund drive through the CTA's nine branches produced \$117,321 in donations above the \$197,147 already pledged in payroll deductions, for a net increase of 53.7 per cent.

The combined total of \$314,468 reflected one of the most successful campaigns ever held in recent years, and included one single contribution of \$1,000.

"I am proud of the strong showing in this successful fund drive for the United Way," said Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**. "It confirms my faith in the generosity of CTA employees."

James E. Marshall, deputy executive director for Human Resources, said, "A great deal of credit for the success of this drive must go to the nearly 35 solicitors who performed their assignments so effectively. We appreciate the planning and hard work that helped make this outstanding achievement possible."

Human Resources program specialist **Clayton McLean** served as campaign coordinator. He said, "All nine branches contributed sizable increases over last year's effort. I think it was because of employees' increased awareness of the varied needs of the people of the Chicago area."

McLean also praised the efforts of the CTA solicitors and management staff for their commitment to the goal of the United Way. "The commitment by management was exemplified by one of the first projects Mr. Savage undertook after his arrival last April," McLean noted, "which was to make a video tape for the United Way fund drive."

Field Museum Hosts African Heritage Festival

The Field Museum of Natural History is hosting an "African Heritage Festival," a celebration of African-American history for school groups and the general public, throughout the month of February.

Performances of African dance, music, storytelling, and hands-on activities and demonstrations of African art and culture will be featured every weekend throughout the month.

The Field Museum, which is at the south end of Grant Park, can be reached on the No. 6 Jeffery Express and No. 146 Marine-Michigan bus routes, and is a stop on the south Culture Bus route Sundays and holidays during the summer. For information on the dates and times of February performances, call the museum at 922-9410.

Construction Begins on New Howard Shop

CTA has begun construction on a \$16,155,000 state-of-the-art rapid transit car repair shop in the Howard terminal yard. The new shop is a key element in the plan to combine the Howard and Dan Ryan "L" routes, tentatively scheduled for the summer of 1992.

The J. H. Pomeroy Company, of Roselle, was the lowest bidder for the contract to build the shop, which will be a single-story, buff-colored brick building with a floor area of 41,500 square feet. The 26-car capacity of the structure will permit the servicing of equipment not only from the new Howard-Dan Ryan line, but also from the Evanston and Skokie Swift routes.

Features of the repair shop include an eight-car wash bay for year-round exterior washing, with equipment to recycle wash water. There will also be three built-in floor hoists, each capable of raising two cars about five feet high to change and service undercarriage equipment.

The building will house an eight-car pit track for inspecting and trouble diagnosis, with an enclosure at one end for a "blow-down" to clean undercarriages prior to inspection. The basement level will have a loading dock and freight elevator.

Funding for the new shop is being provided by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the RTA. Completion of the facility is expected in mid-1992, about the same time as the south half of the Howard east car storage yard is finished.

The Howard yard currently provides storage for 150 cars. Ultimately, it will accommodate 262 cars. The capacity of the Dan Ryan terminal yard, south of 95th Street, has already been expanded from 116 to 198 cars.

The actual linkup between the Howard and Dan Ryan routes has already been completed. A subway extension continues south from the Roosevelt station, curving southwest beneath the southernmost portion of the Dearborn Park residential development. The tracks then surface on an incline west of the Metra-Rock Island embankment north of 18th Street, and join the existing Dan Ryan service just north of Archer.

Spirit of Chicago Awards for Alertness and Dedication

Two motormen, a conductor and a Bus Service supervisor were given Spirit of Chicago awards at the December board meeting for making a personal effort to serve riders and save the Authority from unnecessary expense.

Ravenswood motorman **Jose Irizarry** noticed two suspicious-looking men boarding his northbound train at the Merchandise Mart at about the same time he heard a message from the Control Center to watch for graffiti vandals. He called in a description of the two, who alighted at Armitage.

Motorman **Angel Ramirez** was operating a southbound Ravenswood train when he saw two people fitting the description of the suspected vandals boarding his train at Rockwell. He notified Control and held his train just outside the Damen station until police arrived to arrest them.

Conductor **Jeffrey White**, who joined CTA early in 1990, went to the aid of a passenger who was being attacked in an apparent robbery attempt aboard his O'Hare line train. Several passengers called or wrote CTA to commend White for risking his own security to apprehend the assailant.

Bus Service supervisor **Tyrone Dumas** (District A) was recognized for "going the extra mile" by regularly reporting for work early and volunteering for special projects and events. When he heard, for example, that overhead wire problems had halted Metra electric service in Hegewisch, he organized the dispatch of 16 buses so 1,200 passengers could be shuttled between stations in the affected area.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (left) and Executive Director **Alfred Savage** (right) honored Spirit of Chicago award winners (left to right) **Jeffrey White**, **Tyrone Dumas**, **Jose Irizarry** and **Angel Ramirez** at the December board meeting.

CTA's Safest Year Ever

1990 marked the safest year in CTA's 43-year history. Compared to 1988, the previous safest year, there were 388 fewer traffic and passenger accidents, or a decrease of 7.2 percent. The traffic and passenger accident frequency rate of 3.9 accidents per 100,000 miles was also the lowest ever at CTA.

This proud accomplishment is a tribute to every CTA employee. The operating employees' team effort enabled CTA to reach new heights. **Elonzo Hill**, Deputy Executive Director, Operations, stated, "Safety and dependability are the most important factors in our industry."

"Our safety record over the last 10 years is directly related to our incentive programs," he added. "In the first year alone, the Bus Roadshow competition contributed to a drop of 1,300 bus accidents."

Hill said the Instruction Department was instrumental in helping CTA achieve the new record. "Their training programs enable operators to better grasp the specifics of their jobs." He stated that "Full credit must also go to our operators, bus and rail. We are the safest transit team in the nation, and we can stand with anyone."

Safety is CTA's first priority. When a problem arises, the Instruction Department institutes a refresher program to correct the problem immediately. Their goal is to have well-informed employees, to share knowledge with our operators, and to find solutions. CTA operates as a total team in its quest to be the safest transit organization in the nation.

At a recent safety seminar, the Instruction Department outlined several programs that contributed to CTA's safest year:

- Red Carpet Program
- Incentive Program
- Recertification programs
- Commercial Drivers License Program
- Employee Safety/Performance Program

These programs enabled the operators to set higher standards for themselves; to better grasp their jobs.

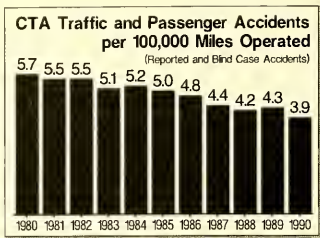
"The Instruction Department's efforts paid off," according to **Mike McCarthy**, Principal Public Safety Analyst. "Our safest year was a coordinated effort of many areas, especially Instruction. Whenever Safety identified trouble spots in the system, Instruction corrected it. Their concerted effort, along with our input, will help to make our equipment and facilities even safer in the future."

David Martin, Senior Manager, Transportation Personnel, said, "Our safety record could not have been achieved without the total commitment of all operating employees. Their dedication and individual contributions made our safest year possible."

"We guided the operating personnel per Chairman Burrus' mandate to improve service, improve employee morale, and improve the relationship between management and the union," Martin added.

"These objectives were achieved with the assistance of Instruction, garage and terminal superintendents, and the employee safety/performance program, to name a few. The Maintenance Branch also deserves praise for assuring that CTA had safe, efficient equipment."

William Mooney, Senior Manager, Transportation Administrative Services, calls the 1990 safety record "a symbol of teamwork and communication. Considering the age of our equipment, it is a tribute to



A Message from Elonzo Hill

In the transit business, there is perhaps no greater measure of success than a safe operation. Here at CTA, we have collectively pulled together for a number of years to make our business the safest anywhere.

As head of the Authority's Operations Branch, I am proud to announce that CTA has achieved its safest year ever in terms of passenger and traffic accidents on the bus and rail systems. This means that for every mile a vehicle traveled in 1990, there were fewer incidents involving injury or damage than ever before in CTA's 43-year existence.

Every one of CTA's approximately 13,000 employees has contributed through teamwork to achieving this monumental record. However, no single group deserves more of the credit than our operating personnel — the men and women who, day-in and day-out, provide the consistently safe bus and train service to our millions of daily passengers.

Certainly, though, operating personnel could never accomplish this feat alone. Maintenance personnel deserve a healthy share of the credit as well. Without well-maintained equipment to operate every day, there is no way CTA could boast of its safest year. This accomplishment becomes even more astounding when one considers the age of our vehicular fleet compared to other transit operators.

Safety is one aspect of transit that can never be taken for granted — by us or by our riders. Let's all pull together once again to set another all-time safety record in 1991!

the Maintenance Branch that they have been able to keep the fleet rolling and safe. Also, training programs, supervisors and instructors assist operators in their day-to-day duties, making for safer service.

"CTA is people," Mooney added, "and giving people their due recognition brings them together. CTA's mission is safe service, and today our service is better than ever. Instruction and Safety and Environmental Assurance were challenged to improve our system, and they both met the challenge with record-breaking results."

Also meeting that challenge was CTA's supervisory personnel. **Michael LaVelle**, Senior Manager, Transportation Service, said, "CTA employees not only strive for excellence, but also make a concerted effort to keep our passengers safe. Thanks to quality control utilized by supervision, CTA has become a proven leader in the transportation industry. Service looks forward to and projects even greater goals for

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Persian Gulf Crisis Impacts Reservists in CTA Work Force

The impact of conflict in the Persian Gulf is being felt at CTA with the call-up of employees who are members of the Armed Forces Reserves and National Guard.

Since September 10, several CTA employees have applied for a military leave of absence due to an emergency call to active service with various branches of the armed forces. The list includes **Richard Cook**, Planning and Research; **Leo Dawkins**, Walter Franklin, Dennis Closs, **Joe McWane**, and **Harry Horn**, Transportation; **Thomas Smith**, Maintenance; **Napoleon Turner**, Operations Planning, and **Rick Willis**, Communications Services, who is editor of the *Transit News*.

The emergency call-up has prompted the Benefits Services department to reappraise benefits for employees responding to the emergency. **James Marshall**, Deputy Executive Director, Benefit Services, said health and dental benefits are being extended to CTA families of reservists and national guardsmen for 30 to 90 days, depending upon the length of CTA service, to allow time for dependents to be picked up for benefits by the armed forces.

Marshall said members of the armed forces reserves and National Guard called in the national emergency are also assured of job seniority, which continues to accrue while the employee is on active military status the same as if the individual had never left active CTA employment status.

CTA salutes all military personnel serving during the crisis, and wishes everyone a safe, speedy return from active duty.

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1991, through the efforts of supervision and in cooperation with operating personnel."

In summing up CTA's 1990 achievement, **Harry Hirsch**, Senior Manager, Operations Planning, said, "The safety mark was a very gratifying award. It was even more remarkable when you consider the increased congestion of today's traffic on the streets of Chicago."

All in all, many factors contributed to CTA's safest year:

- high instruction and maintenance standards
- dedicated supervisory and operating personnel
- CTA's emphasis on teamwork

In its quest to maintain its safety achievements, CTA is striving to beat its 1990 safety mark in 1991. Let's go for it!



Transit Memories

Chicago's First Tunnel for Transit

The first tunnel under the Chicago River to be used for public transit was opened in 1871 at LaSalle Street from Michigan (now Hubbard Street) to midway between Lake and Randolph Streets.

Designed for all modes of street traffic, it proved of greatest benefit just months after its completion when thousands used it to escape the Great Chicago Fire, as flames were destroying the major river bridges.

Improvements in river navigation and the performance of draw-bridges lessened the appeal of the LaSalle and Washington Street tunnels until the introduction of cable cars in the early 1880's. Since cable cars could not operate across bridges, tunnels seemed a logical alternative.

Traction magnate Charles Tyson Yerkes secured the right to use the LaSalle Street tunnel to move cable car trains from his North Chicago Street Railroad lines into the business district. Beginning in March, 1888, the tunnel became the downtown entry for cable cars from Clark Street, Lincoln and Clybourn Avenues.

The Washington Street tunnel, opened in 1869 between Clinton and Franklin Streets, was converted to cable operations in August, 1890, bringing Madison and Milwaukee cars into the downtown area.

Another tunnel, which was built under the south branch of the river just north of Van Buren Street, was used by Yerkes' Blue Island and Halsted cable car lines, beginning in 1894.

The last cable cars went out of service in 1906, but the tunnels that brought them downtown from the North and West Sides didn't reopen for streetcar operations until 1910 (Van Buren Street), 1911 (Washington Street) and 1912 (LaSalle Street). The LaSalle Street tunnel was closed permanently in 1939 for construction of the Dearborn-Milwaukee subway.



Cable car trains from the Chicago Union Traction Company's Lincoln Avenue route used the LaSalle Street tunnel to enter downtown, as shown in this turn-of-the-century view looking north from Randolph.



Commendations



Judy Haynes (77th Street garage) was appreciated by Darlene Ficke, of East Huron Street, for her courtesy as operator of a No. 3 King Drive bus. "She was considerate and cordial, and totally responsive to her passengers. She waited for people rushing to catch the bus, smiled at everyone, and knew the answers to anything they asked. I had friends with me from out of town who were as impressed as I was with her wonderful performance."



Thomas Palma (Forest Glen garage) was called "a unique and wonderful driver" by Marie Penchar, of Fletcher Street, who was a rider on his No. 77 Belmont bus. "He greeted all passengers with a warm, heartfelt smile and a 'Good evening' or 'Come on board.' He kept up a friendly banter, identified upcoming stops, conversed genially with his passengers, and held intersecting buses for them. Stepping on his bus puts me in a much better mood right away."



Janis Marino (Limits garage) was "a pleasure to ride with" (on a No. 151 Sheridan bus), according to Lorraine Nielssen, of George Street. "She was courteous at all times (even when riders asked the same thing over and over), volunteered information if she thought it would be useful, drove skillfully, and put elderly riders (myself included) at ease with her confidence. She also called out every street. She'd be a fantastic choice to train others."



Maurice Sutton (77th Street garage) caught the attention of Juanita Scott, of Winston Avenue, while operating a No. 4 Cottage Grove bus. "It seemed as though everyone who got on the bus rode with peacefulness and a smile because of his dynamic personality and politeness. He seemed to take great pride in what he was doing, and to enjoy it. Be sure to tell him that his services are appreciated, and to continue serving in this positive and joyous manner."



Staying Healthy

Don't Let the Flu Bug You

The official flu season began in mid-December, but CTA's Medical Department has been seeing a lot of employees who have come down with this illness since late November, according to CTA Medical Director Dr. Irma Realiza.

In an epidemic year, influenza can cost the nation more than \$6 billion. About 20 percent of this is in direct medical cost, while the rest involves lost wages and production. The flu infection is caused by influenza virus, which can be of different strains.

The U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control says those at high risk include everyone 65 years of age and older, and people of all ages who have chronic lung or cardiovascular problems, such as asthma, emphysema, heart or kidney disease, diabetes or sickle-cell anemia. Anyone who, because of illness or medical treatment, has a poorly functioning immune system is also considered at high risk.

All of the above are advised to have the flu vaccine, preferably in late November or early December. Vaccinations are also valuable for otherwise healthy individuals, but those with bleeding problems and certain allergies should take appropriate precautions.

The symptoms of flu are nasal congestion, sneezing, coughing, generalized bodyaches and headaches, fever and sore throat.

Basic treatments include bed rest, proper diet, analgesics, antipyretics, increased fluid intake, cough syrups and antibiotics, if secondary bacterial infection is present.

Employees who have a prolonged illness or feel very sick should seek medical attention immediately. Proper clothing for cold weather should include a hat, scarf, and appropriate layers of clothes, such as sweaters and jackets, especially for those who must spend time waiting outside.

Covering the nose and mouth while coughing and sneezing will help prevent spreading an illness. We want 1991 to be a joyful and healthy year for everyone.

A dozen Operations personnel who retired from CTA in January were honored with "A Day in CTA" December 27 in recognition of more than 30 years of dedicated service with the Authority.

Robert L. Desvignes, manager of Rail Personnel, completed almost 42 years in rail service, rising through the ranks to supervisor, instructor, superintendent and manager. (See story on Desvignes retirement.)

Ervin G. Schultz, operator from North Park garage, began his career in 1950 with the Evanston Bus Company. In retirement, he plans to obtain a license to sell real estate. He and his wife, Emma, have four daughters and one granddaughter.

Luzell Mims, a bus service supervisor, started out in 1953 as an operator at the old Devon garage. A three-time honoree of the Striving for Excellence program, he lives with his wife Jeannette on the South Side, where he is active in the 6th Police District's Crime Stop campaign.

James J. Skopec joined CTA in 1954 as a bus operator at the Ravenswood garage. The next year he transferred to Keeler, where he worked until his promotion to supervision in 1968. Eight grandchildren are expected to keep him more than occupied in retirement.

Kedzie garages new and old have been the only work location of bus operator **Fred L. Bassett** during his entire 35 years with CTA. Named "Employee of the Month" at Kedzie in November, he has spent most of his career on Roosevelt, Madison and Lake bus runs. He too has eight grandchildren.

When **Donald D. Grant** began working for CTA as a bus operator in 1956, he was assigned to 52nd Street garage. After six years at North Park, he moved on to Archer, where he remained for 28 years. Grant is an accomplished barber and does commercial artwork as well.

LeRoy Wilson Jr. operated PCC streetcars for a while after going to work for CTA at the Devon station in 1956. He then switched to buses, moving to 52nd Street, North Park and 103rd Street garages. He plans to attend a school for air conditioning and refrigeration work, and to spend more time visiting five brothers and sisters who live in the area.

Joseph P. Jamison entered rail service in 1956 as a trainman in the West Section. After qualifying as conductor, switchman and motorman, he transferred to the South Section in 1969, where he continued as a motorman until his retirement.

Wayne C. Williams came on the job in 1957 as a bus operator at Archer garage. He transferred to 77th Street in 1970, where he stayed until his promotion to Bus Service supervisor nine years later. Since 1984 he has been an instructor at 69th Street.

Wesley Cobbs drove out of North Avenue garage for 15 years after joining CTA in 1957. He then became a Special Services operator at Washington garage and qualified as a line instructor. Assigned to Kedzie since 1986, he was honored last July as "Employee of the Month."

Roosevelt Russell worked out of North Park garage for only six months after joining CTA in 1957 before moving to 69th Street, where he stayed throughout the remainder of his 33-year career. Considered dedicated and consistent by his supervisors, he plans to visit family members in other parts of the country and to do a lot more fishing in retirement.

Jerome E. Ryan served all 32 of his years with CTA operating buses out of Forest Glen garage. During that period, he made the adjustment from manual transmission to trolley buses, and from propane to diesel equipment. Reliable and self-sufficient, he was called "exemplary" by his superintendent.



Financial Tips

You Can Make The New Year Less Taxing

For many of us, January is not only the month snowflakes begin to fly, but also when 1040 forms begin to flutter into our consciousness. As the W-2 and 1099 forms start to arrive, it may no longer be the season to be jolly, unless we are fortunate enough to qualify for a refund.

In the event you have dependents, be sure that they have a social security number if they are two years of age or older. For 1991, that rule changes, requiring social security numbers for all dependents one year or older.

Be sure to securely attach your W-2 forms and checks, if required, to the place indicated on the income tax return. And don't forget to sign the return, along with the date you signed it. If a joint return is filed, both the taxpayer and spouse must affix their signatures and note the dates.

The Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990, which was signed by President Bush on November 5, mostly affects 1991. For 1990, the following applies:

1. Personal exemption is \$2,050.00.
2. Standard deductions are:
 - (a) Unmarried — \$3,250.00.
 - (b) Married, filing jointly — \$5,450.00.
 - (c) Married, filing separately — \$2,725.00.
 - (d) Head of household — \$4,750.00.
3. The Illinois State Income Tax is computed at 3 percent for 1990.

There are other changes, but they do not apply to everyone, and are difficult to elaborate on here. Good luck, and may your refunds be substantial.

For Bob Desvignes, A Joyful 10-7



A career extending back almost to the start of CTA itself came to a close January 1 with the retirement of **Robert L. Desvignes** as manager of Rail Personnel. Since joining CTA early in 1949, Desvignes has mastered every aspect of rail operations, while serving as supervisor, instructor, superintendent and manager.

Involved in most of the rail transit innovations introduced under CTA auspices, Desvignes takes greatest pride in having overseen preparation of the *Corrective Action Guidelines* booklet that was issued early in 1990. He also had a direct hand in preparing, implementing and administering the guidelines, which he said "allow management to discipline employees in a more humane fashion, without stripping them of their dignity or penalizing them financially."

Desvignes served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and has a degree in optometry. In his spare time he enjoys fishing and bowling, as well as handball and racquetball.

One particularly rewarding aspect of retirement will be the opportunity it gives Desvignes to spend more time playing with his grandchildren Christopher, Brian and Jeffrey.

Chris Kalogeras Retires



Direct involvement in some of CTA's most significant construction projects and seeing them through to a successful conclusion are among the many satisfactions **Chris Kalogeras** plans to take with him upon retirement January 1 after 24 years with the agency.

Kalogeras headed the Architectural Engineering Department during much of his CTA career. He was project coordinator with the city's Department of Public Works on the Dan Ryan, Kennedy and O'Hare Extension rapid transit projects, as well as on the Howard-Ryan connection.

He also worked on the Kedzie, 103rd Street, Chicago-Pulaski and 74th-Wood garage projects, and on the rehabilitation of a number of rapid transit stations.

"I don't know of any other profession where you can start off with just a thought and a piece of paper, and create something really useful and lasting," he reflected. "I've considered it a privilege to have worked at CTA, and I have nothing but praise for the staff. They've been terrific."

Kalogeras, whose father, George, retired in 1948 after many years in Maintenance with the Chicago Surface Lines, lives in West Rogers Park with his wife, Pauline. The focus of their frequent attention is Ashley, daughter of their son, George, and his wife, Michelle. In retirement he also expects to spend more time in church and civic work, and to do more fishing, golfing and traveling.

An Air Corps radio operator and gunner in World War II, Kalogeras earned a degree in architectural engineering at IIT, and is a licensed architect. For 18 years prior to joining CTA, he helped design schools, hospitals, jails, churches and commercial buildings for various architectural offices.



Retirees

December Retirees

Samuel H. Adams,
North Park, 35 years
Tom E. Chandler,
69th Street, 25 years
Hilliard J. Derengowski,
North Park, 35 years
Wilbert H. Dohrmann,
Forest Glen, 38 years

Wilson Gatling Jr.,
Lawndale, 12 years
Elcosie Gresham,
77th Street, 39 years
Marian F. Hanning,
West Section, 27 years
Anthony L. Hotko,
Archer, 27 years
Norwood Martin,
95th St.Term., 38 years

Forrest McHerron,
69th Street, 25 years
Wendell Slay Jr.,
69th Street, 33 years
Carl A. White Jr.,
61st St. Term., 29 years

Disability Retirements

John Aasen,
Forest Glen, 25 years
Juan Alamo,
North Park, 12 years
Gloria Danzie,
103rd Street, 15 years
Barbara J. Ester,
69th Street, 12 years
Frank M. Foster,
Douglas Term., 17 years

Jesus Gonzalez,
North Park, 12 years
Marvin W. McClure,
95th St. Term.,
22 years
Paul Mosley Jr.,
North Section,
16 years

Perry Patten,
103rd Street, 20 years
Juan E. Perez,
Limits, 12 years
James D. Przybylski,
North Park, 15 years
Frances Lee Thomas,
Limits, 13 years



Anniversaries

40 Years

Joseph Fano,
Motor Line

Thomas Popek,
Safety Inspection

35 Years

Herman Miles,
Bus Service

30 Years

Vernon Cannon,
69th Street
Charles Coats,
Lawndale Mtce.
Ronald Gliszczynski,
Support Shops
John Harris,
Kedzie
James Johnson,
Forest Glen Mtce.

Claude Jones,
77th Street
Ronald Joy,
77th Street Mtce.
Keith Klein,
Campaign Area
Rudolph Roach,
Bus Instruction
Robert Williams,
Bus Pers. North

25 Years

Earl Allen,
Bus Dist. C
Chester Anderson,
Forest Glen
Steven Butler,
Racine Mtce.
Lawrence Chatman,
Bus Instruction
Duane Dooley,
77th Street Mtce.
Robert Featherson,
Rail Janitor Svcs.
Robert Garner,
103rd Street
Daniel Giles,
Bus Dist. C
Myrtha Hayes, Utility
Chester Hendrix,
77th Street
Robert Heneghan,
Limits Mtce.
James Jacobs,
77th Street
Neville Keller,
Bus Pers. South

Leslie Kelley Jr., Con-
gress/Douglas
William Klimas,
Tire Inspection Ctr.
Willie Moore, Kedzie
Buddy Mosley,
77th Street
Bruce Price,
77th Street
Barry Smith,
Ashland/61st/95th
Paul Spencer,
Lawndale Mtce.
Leonard Thomas,
Ashland/61st/95th
Cornelius
Vandermolen,
Mech. Mtce. So.
Lonnie Voss Jr.,
Central Counting
Robert Wilson,
Kedzie
Frederick Wilson Jr.,
77th Street

Bruno Family Tradition Reaches The End Of The Line



*Frank Bruno ready
for retirement as an
instructor.*

Family and tradition mean a lot to CTA, and the Authority has been enriched over the years by the loyalties created when one generation follows another into a career in transit.

Some 106 years of service by one such family ended in January with the retirement of **Frank Bruno**, instructor at the Maintenance Training Center at Hawthorne. Frank's departure closed out a tradition that began in 1927, when his father, **Louis**, joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a car repairman at the North Avenue car barn.

"My brother **Tony** and I were just kids during the Depression, but we thought we had everything we needed on Dad's salary," Frank said, "even though he only made 65 cents an

hour when he started. With all the different kinds of work done by the company, we figured they must have something good for us to get into, too.

"Tony joined the Surface Lines in 1944 as a conductor on the 'blue goose' (PCC) streetcars on Madison Street," he said. "About a year after my discharge from the Army, in 1946, I was hired as a car cleaner at Blue Island. Pretty soon I trained as a mechanic for buses at Archer."

Frank Bruno moved through the ranks in bus repair at Archer, Keeler and Beverly garages before becoming an instructor in 1969. Over the years he estimates training more than 500 bus maintenance personnel, and was involved in the transition from trolleys and propane to all-diesel buses. For 15 years, he also taught a class in first aid.

In ending more than 43 years on the job, Frank leaves CTA with the satisfaction that, with his father's 34-year career and his brother's 29 years on streetcars and buses, the Brunos have left a legacy of dedication and service that few transit families can match.



*Tony Bruno enjoyed
being a conductor on
PCC cars.*



In Memoriam

Joseph S. Brzoska,
78, Shops & Equip.
Patrick Clancy,
86, Shops & Equip.
James J. Coughlin,
71, Vehicle Maint.
James Cunningham,
68, 95th Street
Robinson Curtis,
92, North Section
Michael J. Cusack,
79, Claims Law
Marian Filip,
77, West Section

Joseph Fleischmann,
77, Limits
Louis M. Fraiser,
89, Engineering
Allan C. Groff,
72, North Park
Albert Hickman,
85, 77th Street
William O. Kriz,
82, Forest Glen
Francis McGurley,
72, West Shops
Andrew Milos,
88, West Shops

Frank A. Peterson,
88, West Section
Earl F. Saenger,
77, 69th Street
Leo J. Switlik,
85, Shops & Equip.
Arthur C. Tabal,
71, North Avenue
Margaret M.
Timmons,
91, Accounting

Way To Go, Bill Baxa

Media Relations Manager C. W. Baxa made his December retirement fit right in with the holiday spirit of giving by finding a rewarding way to dispose of the many souvenirs he had acquired during his 32 years with the agency. Most of the items were decorations on the walls of his office.

There were paintings of streetcars by professional artists, picture books of Chicago transit vehicles, a miniature two-car 2000-series train made into a desk set, and hundreds of political and special events pins.

Rather than cart it all home, where there was little space to display it and hardly anyone to enjoy it, Baxa decided to make the souvenirs available to those who would appreciate them, and do it in a way that would spread cheer well beyond the walls of the Merchandise Mart.

Since everything in the office had been a gift somewhere down the line, Baxa held an auction where fellow employees and transit buffs could bid on each item. The profits would go to Wally Phillips' WGN Neediest Kids Christmas Fund.

The auction, held early in December, was a gain for everyone concerned. Baxa was able to clean out his office without having to pack and move his souvenirs. The bidders got the treasures they wanted, and Wally Phillips' kids got \$710 more worth of Christmas cheer. Way to go, Bill!

CTA Saves \$350,000 By Doing Its Own Farebox Repairs

CTA recently marked the first anniversary of doing its own maintenance and repair work on its 2,500 electronic bus fareboxes by announcing it had saved \$350,000 by not contracting the work out.

Daniel R. Leffers, deputy executive director, Finance, said, "While most transit agencies continue to have farebox maintenance performed by outside contractors, the CTA began to realize in 1989 that doing the work on our own premises could provide extensive cost savings and added security control."

Leffers praised the technicians revenue equipment staff headed by Director Joseph Simonetti for making the savings possible. "In the year he and his staff have performed the identical work done by a private contractor," he said, "CTA and its riders have benefitted tremendously."

In addition to maintaining the smooth operation of the Authority's bus fareboxes, the technicians also service related fare collection equipment.

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As we emerge from another Chicago winter, and look forward to a busy spring and summer, the Chicago Transit Authority finds itself in an unusual position.

The CTA finds most political leaders and newspaper writers in town supporting us, rather than offering criticism. The reason: the proposed federal budget for transportation, which could eliminate 5 per cent of the CTA's operating budget.

Many of you, I'm sure, hear different versions of issues that affect the CTA. Some of you pick up information from the media, others from your supervisors, others from your fellow employees.

Here are the facts on the proposed federal budget, and how it will affect all of us at CTA. The 1991 operating budget for the CTA is \$746 million. We expect to operate this year within that budget, and without any fare hikes or service cuts. The federal government is providing \$38 million, or about five per cent, of that operating budget.

The administration in Washington D.C. has said it no longer intends to provide any money to fund the operations of transit agencies in large cities. Instead, the federal government says it will provide money only for capital improvements.

The CTA is launched on a major capital improvement program. We have plans to spend nearly one billion dollars by 1995 improving the system. But estimates of the total need for capital improvements range from 3 to 4 billion dollars.

Even if the federal government provided the CTA with more money for capital improvements, the amount would be just a small portion of what is needed.

But if the federal government eliminated the operating assistance we now receive, the effect would be devastating.

Consider a few of the ways the federal government affects our operations at the CTA:

- **Service for the disabled:** The Americans with Disabilities Act means our system must become accessible to the disabled. This is a good law, but one that will cost the CTA millions per year.
- **Clean air legislation:** Everyone supports a cleaner environment, and the recent federal Clean Air Act is aimed at helping. But for the CTA, cleaner air means spending millions to test alternate fuels and more efficient engines.

- It is the wrong time for the federal government to seek a way out of helping the CTA and other large transit agencies.

This is why both the Chicago Tribune and the Sun-Times came out in support of the CTA on its editorial pages. This is why many members of the Illinois congressional delegation came out in support of the CTA as well.

And this is why all of you at the CTA must understand what is at stake. If we lose five per cent of our operating budget, we will face very tough decisions for 1992.

This spring and summer we will be lobbying our delegation in Congress to save the CTA's dollars. I invite all of you to let your representatives in Congress know how you feel.

I also invite all of you to keep operating the CTA at the high level of professionalism we have come to expect. Now is not the time to lose this extensive level of support for public transportation.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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Security Still A High CTA Priority

Security for CTA passengers and employees continues to be a high priority for the transit agency.

"The CTA has committed more than \$12 million to maintain the current high level of security for its riders and employees on our bus and rail systems," said CTA Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**.

"Patrols by Chicago and suburban police officers and canine units account for \$9.4 million this year," according to **William B. Mooney**, senior manager, Transportation Administrative Services.

"Police officers in uniform and plain clothes patrol rapid transit trains and stations around the clock in Chicago, Oak Park and Evanston," Mooney said. "Canine units usually patrol the system at night, especially after ticket agents go off duty, but the dogs and their handlers are not necessarily confined to nighttime hours."

A private security company patrols various CTA properties, and also will man a 24-hour closed-circuit television monitoring system covering both the Washington and Jackson stations and their connecting lower level pedways between the State and Dearborn Street subways. The contract for this service is worth \$1.3 million.

Four stations on the Congress Branch are scheduled to receive clear acrylic ramp wall panels to replace those that are presently opaque, Mooney added. Harlem, Austin, Cicero and the Medical Center stations will also be painted in bright colors and will be provided with new fluorescent lighting to heighten visibility. Additional platform windbreaks with clear acrylic panels, and annunciator lights and bells will be installed to alert riders of approaching trains, he said, similar to the treatment

accorded to the six other Congress Branch stations last year.

Mooney stated that platforms on the Lake Street Branch will get clear-paneled windbreaks next year, along with annunciators and fresh, bright paint. Selected locations will receive security mirrors in stairways. The cost of both the Congress and Lake Street projects amounts to \$1.4 million.

Regarding security on the bus system, Mooney said the CTA has begun a pilot project that will pinpoint the location of any CTA bus that has the special equipment installed in it.

Called the Emergency Vehicle Location System (EVL), the equipment will identify the bus' exact location. Once the pilot project is complete, an evaluation will be conducted to determine the system's future potential. The cost of the pilot system is \$200,000.

The benefit of security cameras installed as a pilot project on selected buses last year will continue to be evaluated this year, at a cost of \$150,000, Mooney said. In addition, the Authority's security staff is constantly reviewing methods by which security can be enhanced further within the appropriated budget.

"Figures show that even now, CTA runs one of the most secure major metropolitan transit systems in the country," Mooney said. "Our plans are to make it even safer for our passengers and employees in the years ahead."

New Commander Heads CPD Public Transit Unit



Captain John W. Richardson is the new commander of the Chicago Police Department's Public Transportation Section, replacing Robert W. Dart, who now heads the department's gang crimes unit.

Richardson, who has been a police officer for 20 years, was most recently a captain in the 11th (Harrison) District. He previously served for four years as commander of the Chicago Housing Authority's public housing south police unit.

"I've been using public transportation since childhood," Richardson said. "I've experienced many changes in the behavioral patterns of

riders, and observed how they have affected the CTA. I understand the concerns and needs of CTA operating employees, and of law-abiding riders. There will be strict law enforcement and high visibility by members of this section.

"Our goal is to continue the work started by Commander Dart to improve the security of CTA operating personnel and riders by giving them a transportation system as free as humanly possible of any criminal activity."

Transit News To Be Mailed Home

Beginning with the April, 1991, issue, the monthly CTA Transit News will be mailed directly to the homes of employees. We believe this procedure will ensure that every employee receives a copy, and that CTA families will become more aware of the activities and developments taking place at the Agency, and of the benefits available to them.

Lift-Equipped Bus Service

CTA has long been the leader in transportation innovations and is at the forefront once again. On Sunday, February 10, 1991, CTA began a new era of public transportation with the implementation of lift-equipped bus service. This new service will allow persons with disabilities to travel freely throughout the city on selected routes.

To date, CTA has received 162 lift-equipped buses from the initial order of 491 buses from Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC), of Roswell, New Mexico. These buses are currently operating out of 77th Street

Garage on routes: #1 Indiana/Hyde Park; #3 King Drive; #8A South Halsted; #29 State Street; #79 79th Street, and #95W West 95th Street.

As the remainder of the TMC buses are delivered, CTA will assign 142 of them to Kedzie Garage and another 172 to North Park Garage. Kedzie will get an additional 15 buses without lifts that are narrow enough to operate on Lake Street. Another 470 lift-equipped buses are on order from Flxible Corporation, of Delaware, Ohio. They will be assigned to Forest Glen and Archer Garages as well as other garages yet to be determined.

Why Accessibility?

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), through the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, mandated that any transit agency receiving federal funding must be accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities. This mandate could be met either by providing lifts on mainline buses or by a para-transit service. CTA chose the latter and implemented its Special Services (dial-a-ride) service in September, 1981.

Initially touted as a significant step forward in providing public transportation to persons with disabilities, Special Services nonetheless came to represent a "separate but equal" response by CTA to the transit needs of persons with disabilities. Members of the disabled community filed complaints with the Human Rights Commission, claiming that Special Services did not meet their needs for several reasons—trips had to be scheduled 24 hours in advance, service hours initially were limited, the service could not accommodate the demand, and, most importantly, it did not provide the freedom of access to public transportation that exists on mainline bus service.

Subsequently, an agreement was reached (the Jones Decision, named after one of the litigants, Kent Jones) stating CTA would purchase 700 lift-equipped buses to determine if accessible mainline service was a viable adjunct to para-transit service in Chicago.

In 1988, the CTA Lift-equipped Bus Service Operations Task Force was formed to spearhead the effort to emplace accessible mainline bus service. Overseeing the efforts of the CTA task force was the Joint Implementation Com-

mittee (JIC), composed of representatives from CTA, other governmental agencies and the disabled community. The JIC reviews all CTA plans and proposals on mainline lift service, gives valuable input to CTA and approves all plans prior to implementation.

Working under the guidance of the CTA task force and in partnership with the Council for Disability Rights (CDR), the Training Development Section of the Operations Support Services Department and the Operations Instruction Department developed an intensive one-day training program for bus operators. Key elements of the training included instruction on the technical aspects of lift-equipped bus operation and a 2 1/2 hour sensitivity training module conducted by the CDR, which provided personal interaction between bus operators and persons with disabilities.

Nor was the maintenance aspect of the new lift-equipped buses overlooked. A special unit, Wheelchair Lift Maintenance, was created within the Maintenance Branch. A select group of technicians received training in hydraulics, electronics and computer-controlled mechanisms—all necessary to maintain the lift in good working order. This group, working with the bus manufacturer, TMC, was instrumental in solving several design problems on the buses before they were placed in service.

Information for riders was prepared and disseminated by CTA's Marketing Department. A bi-lingual (English and Spanish) brochure was made available for passengers and a videotape was developed to assist riders via presentations to be made by various

community organizations. Additional marketing efforts included advertisements in the print media directed toward persons with disabilities and a "hotline" phone service to deal with customer inquiries and complaints regarding lift-equipped bus service.

Many people at CTA are responsible for this outstanding achievement. The success of this project is due in no small part to the cooperation of many entities—CTA, the Joint Implementation Committee, the Council for Disability Rights—and, most of all, to the extraordinary effort put forth by the men and women who are the vanguard of public transit service for all our riders, the bus operators!

What is to come?

We look forward to an even greater commitment by CTA to the provision of accessible transportation for all of CTA's passengers. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed in 1990 by President Bush, requires all buses and trains to be accessible. It also requires paratransit service for those who cannot ride mainline buses and trains and mandates that key rail stations be made accessible.

Meeting these goals represents a major challenge to the CTA. But, with the dedication and commitment of all CTA employees, they can and will be achieved.

Lift-Equipped Bus Dedication



At February 13 ceremonies outside City Hall, Mayor Daley shares the jubilation of CTA Board member James Charlton (right foreground) and other disabled riders over the introduction of mainline lift-bus service.

CTA's new lift bus service was officially introduced to the people of Chicago on February 13, 1991 at a City Hall ceremony on LaSalle Street. Standing in front of one of CTA's new lift-equipped buses, Mayor Daley, accompanied by CTA Executive Director Alfred H. Savage, proclaimed, "This is a great day for the City of Chicago. For too long the more than one-half million people with disabilities who live in our city have been unfairly discriminated against."

Mayor Daley went on to thank those responsible for making this new service possible, including the Joint Implementation Committee, ADAPT (a disabilities civil rights organization) and the newly created Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. This new city office is under the direction of Larry Gorski (pictured on cover). Through Gorski's efforts, the City of Chicago has accelerated the removal of barriers that limit the movement of disabled residents.

Savage commented, "This new service means CTA is moving toward the national standards established in the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is also the result of many years of hard work by leaders of the disabled community and the CTA."

Gorski said, "For too long persons with disabilities lacked accessible public transportation. Right of access to transportation is a civil right and an economic right. People with disabilities do not want special treatment, they want equal treatment. Lift-bus is a major step in that direction."

Also on hand was Josephine Holzer, Executive Director of the Council for Disability Rights, who summed up the efforts of all involved. "Our experience with the CTA has been very positive. I feel that CTA is open, responsive and determined to make lift-bus service work. The community is behind us and we are very hopeful for the future."

Professionalism Shines Through On Lake Street

They operate mainly in the shadows. And even though they spend a lot of time in the underworld, they're not trying to hide from anyone. They're neither spies nor fugitives.

They're bus operators on the No. 16 Lake route out of Kedzie garage, and they're just doing their job. The only mystery is how they're able to do it so well, considering the conditions they face.

About three-quarters of the eight-mile route is under the Lake Street 'L' structure, where rapidly alternating rays of sunshine and shadow flicker across the street ahead like the movement of figures across the screen of a silent movie.

The frequent roar of an 'L' train above can disorient even the most careful drivers, especially when the train keeps pace with the bus as it slows for a station. In addition, cars and trucks can dart over in front of you from the adjoining lane, where they are partly hidden from view by a continuous row of pillars.

As if these operational hazards weren't enough, there's one more challenge facing Lake Street operators that makes their situation different from all others: the age of their equipment. The buses have been in service 22 years — long enough for an infant to grow to maturity and be out in the world on its own.

Fortunately for CTA and its riders, the operators who pick Lake Street are up to the challenge, and the antique buses they have maneuvered so well over the years are about to be replaced by sleek new models from the Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC), of Roswell, N.M.

The 15 new buses that have been ordered mainly for service on Lake Street will have the same unique feature of the aging Flexibles. They'll be six inches narrower than the 476 buses making up the rest of the order, measuring only eight feet across instead of 8 1/2.

That's what's really different about Lake Street, and the reason CTA has had to make do with the Flexibles for so long. You need narrower buses to pass safely under 'L' columns that are only 22 feet 8 inches across from each other, and it just isn't economical to order only 15 buses at a time.

One of Lake Street's most faithful operators is **Eddie Smith**, who has spent more than 20 years on the route. Pulling out of Kedzie at 4:51 every weekday morning, he does whatever it takes to make schedule. "With 15 minutes between buses most of the day, you know riders will have a long wait if you're not out there. I keep a wrench and pliers handy to take care of the little stuff."

While the buses start out fairly warm after being stored all night at Kedzie, the old Flexibles lose their heat quickly at the front. Regular operators like Smith have learned to wear thermal jackets, long underwear, warm gloves and boots to insulate themselves from frigid temperatures.

"I don't mind suffering a little for the riders," said Smith, who has 35 years with CTA. "The people out here are pretty decent. You treat them like you'd want to be treated, and they'll be good to you, too. I imagine they'll all be a lot happier when the new buses get here."

Curtis Jackson has been operating buses on Lake Street for over 26 years. "The pillars were here long before the buses," he said. "You've got to give them respect or you can really get in trouble. You've also got to remind the riders who get off at stops in the middle of the street that they've got to watch out for cars in the next lane."

"These buses were good when we first got them," Jackson added. "Lately, in the winter, I've had to trade in three or four on the same day because of what age has done to them. It's tough to do the job right when you've got cold hands and cold feet. No one can say they really know what it's like to be a bus operator till they've worked Lake Street."



Limited space between the "L" pillars west of Rockwell tells why Lake Street buses have to be narrower than others.



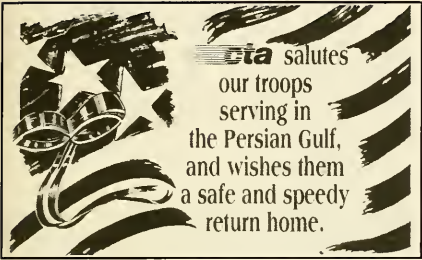
Eddie Smith, currently the senior operator at Kedzie, has operated the same buses on Lake Street for over 20 years.



After 26 years on Lake Street, Curtis Jackson can identify almost every pillar, and knows how to keep out of their way.

Differential Pay Approved for Employees Called to Duty

At its February meeting, the CTA Board approved an ordinance providing differential pay and benefits to employees called to active military service as a result of Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.



cta salutes
our troops
serving in
the Persian Gulf,
and wishes them
a safe and speedy
return home.

"We want to assure our employees that family members at home will not experience financial hardship while their loved ones are serving in America's armed forces," said CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**. "This ordinance covers any employee who is a member of a reserve force called to active duty either in the Persian Gulf area or elsewhere."

Employees on active duty may request to have their situations reviewed by the CTA's

deputy executive director of finance.

To bolster the morale of troops in the Gulf region, the Community Relations Department began a letter-writing campaign among CTA employees. The initiative was sparked by **Effie Ferrera** and **Alicia Parham**, accounting specialist and accounts payable clerk, respectively, in the Finance Division. Both have family members serving in the Gulf.

The home front effort has also involved the creation of posters showing support for U.S. servicemen and women.

Graphics designer **Al Grady** prepared a car card with a flag and a yellow ribbon. The message on the card saluted the troops for their efforts and wished them a safe and speedy return home.

The car card salute was inspired by **Awilda Zanin**, finishing clerk, Reproduction Graphics. She took the idea to **Aida Galarza**, manager, Affirmative Action, after seeing a similar tribute that **Jim Saviano**, director, Graphic Services, had hung on the door to his office.

State Street Subway Closing on Weekends

From Saturday, March 30, through Sunday, September 1, the State Street subway will be closed most weekends for track renewal. One exception will be on the weekend of June 29-30, when the subway will remain open to serve riders visiting "Taste of Chicago" activities in Grant Park.

Weekend closings will begin at 1:15 a.m. on Saturdays and end at 4:30 a.m. on Mondays. During these closing times, all Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park trains will be rerouted over the elevated structure between Armitage Avenue and 17th Street, using Lake Street and Wabash Avenue in the Loop.

The southbound reroute will start at Clark Junction, where trains will be switched to the outer track. On Saturdays stops will be made at Chicago Avenue and the Merchandise Mart, as well as at all Loop stations on Lake and Wabash.

On Sundays, stops are planned for Wellington, Diversey, Armitage and Sedgwick as an experiment to accommodate riders not ordinarily served by Ravenswood trains on Sundays. Depending on rider reaction, more permanent changes may be made later in Sunday service.

Join CTA Trotters To Fight Birth Defects

Every two minutes a baby is born with a birth defect. Every 15 minutes a baby dies. You can help stop this tragedy by joining our team, the CTA Trotters, on Sunday, April 28, along Chicago's lakefront, as we participate in WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes.

The funds we raise will support programs of genetic counseling, prenatal care, diagnosis and treatment of babies, and research into the cause of birth defects. We need your help as walkers, sponsors, contributors, volunteers and boosters. For details, call **Joyce Shaw** or **Mike Taylor** at 664-7200, Ext. 3345 or 3325.

Reconstruction Set for Terminal at Linden

Work will begin this spring on reconstruction of CTA's terminal for Evanston trains at 4th Street and Linden Avenue, in Wilmette. The \$14.7 million project includes a new, more efficient passenger station that is scheduled to be in operation in the spring of 1992, according to **Kevin Manley**, chief of staff, Capital Planning and Construction.

The new station will be built about 150 feet east of the present outmoded structure, which was completed in 1912. Walls opposite the platform and a canopy overhead will protect riders from the weather and nearby residents from noise and light. Stainless steel fare collection equipment will include electronic pass readers for CTA's QuikPass and Pace Quik-Tic monthly riding passes.

There will also be an agent-controlled gate for handicapped riders, and ramp access to both station and platform areas.

Manley said the station building will have a large concession area, a bank of public tele-

phones, benches, and overhead infrared heaters. Large areas of glass will brighten the station in daylight and add to security. Fluorescent lighting will be used both inside the station and out on the 325-foot-long passenger platform.

The concrete platform will have windbreaks with safety glass panels and overhead infrared heaters, benches and skylights in the protective canopy.

Outside the station there will be a canopy over the bus waiting area on Linden, with a nearby signal light to alert Pace and Wilbus drivers to the arrival of incoming trains.

The two existing parking lots will be redesigned and will have shade trees and new lighting. The new east lot on Linden will be for reserved parking, with spaces for handicapped car drivers and a kiss 'n' ride dropoff area.

The west lot on 4th Street will be for general parking, with separate spaces for employees. Money slots will be provided for the public parking spaces. The present coin-operated entrance gates to the lots will be eliminated.

Paul H. Schwendener Inc., of Westmont, is contractor for the terminal project, which also calls for modernization of the "L" car storage yard and a new loop track to provide quieter and more efficient movement of trains between the yard and the station platform.

A new six-car vehicle inspection facility will be built just west of the station platform. There will also be a new control tower, a supervisor's booth on the platform with a waiting area for train crews, and new facilities for switchmen, trackmen and signal maintenance crews.

Concrete walkways will be built throughout the yard, which will be surrounded by an acoustical fence with concrete and wood panels designed to absorb noise within the yard and protect residents nearby.

Portions of the parking lots will be closed to the public by the contractor during the two-year construction period. The passenger station itself will be closed periodically on weekends while work is in progress, and CTA will provide shuttle buses between Linden and the Central Street station.

Funding for the terminal project is being provided by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the RTA, CTA, and the village of Wilmette. The old station will be vacated and left standing by CTA when the new station and platform are completed in the spring of 1992.



The terminal that was constructed at 4th and Linden in 1912 will be preserved as a landmark by the village of Wilmette after CTA moves into a new facility next year.

A Sign of Affection for the Hearing-Impaired

CTA operating personnel and passengers are becoming increasingly sensitized to the barriers faced by disabled people who have just begun gaining access to mainline buses serving a number of South Side routes. However, there is another less visible group of disabled riders who could use a little extra consideration from those who may not be readily aware of their disabilities.

Deaf or hearing-impaired riders are everywhere you look, but they're not always easy to recognize. Responding to their needs can be a challenge, but it's one that **Edna Walker** is eager to meet. About three years ago, she began taking American Sign Language (ASL) courses at the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS).

"I would see deaf people signing on buses and trains," she said. "It looked interesting. I was curious to learn more about communicating with my hands." Walker, an administrative secretary in Safety & Environmental Assurance, is working toward becoming a professional certified interpreter. She is especially interested in the field of theatrical/artistic interpreting.

"This field seems only natural because I love music and the performing arts," Walker said. "In this way I can combine my musical background with sign language to interpret plays, musicals, etc. Deaf and hearing-impaired people are no different from hearing people," she added, "and believe they can accomplish anything a hearing person can."

"With the recent passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)," she said, "there will be a growing need for qualified interpreters. I'm excited about the opportunity to facilitate communication between deaf and hearing persons."

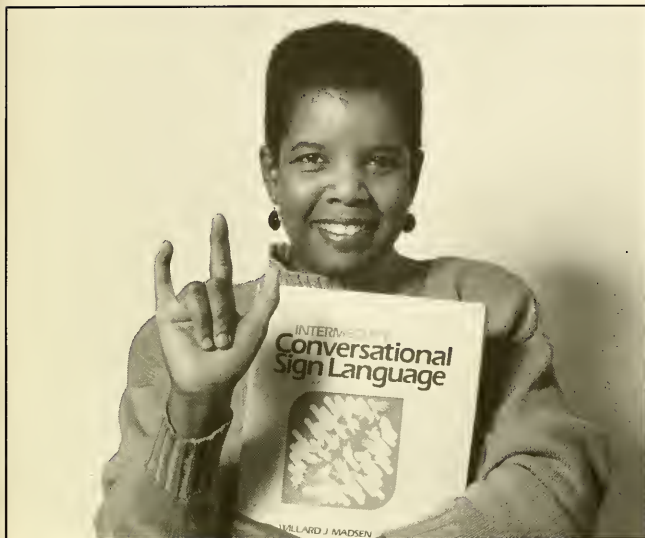
According to a 1987 survey by Gallaudet University, a college for the deaf in Washington, D.C., almost 21 million Americans, or 8.8 percent of the population, have a hearing disability of some kind. Many can be identified by the monotone nature of their speech.

In responding to requests for directions or route information from hearing-impaired passengers, Walker suggests that CTA employees face the person and speak clearly without exaggerated lip movement. This enables the passenger to lipread the employee's response. Natural gestures may also be used.

The passenger's facial expression usually will indicate if the person understands the message. In addition to calling out a street or station stop, it may be necessary to signal the individual that the stop has been reached.

Walker is a member of the Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and Chicagoland Advocates for Signed Theater (CAST). She has received awards from the CHS for her volunteer efforts with a hearing-impaired youth group, and from CAST for supporting its activities throughout the year. She also participates in the Sunday School sign class and worship service for the hearing impaired at Chicago Temple - First United Methodist Church.

She looks forward to auditioning as an interpreter for the the Seventh Annual Chicago Gospel Festival in Grant Park in June, and to taking part in an intensive two-week sign language course at Gallaudet University later this year. The effort she makes toward greater involvement and interaction with the deaf community, Walker says, is repaid many times over in the love and satisfaction she receives from those she helps.



"I love you" is the message Edna Walker conveys to hearing-impaired people whose language she speaks.

Spirit of Chicago Award Winners Include Switchman and Clerk



Staying
Healthy

Four employees who displayed alertness, bravery, compassion and dedication received Spirit of Chicago awards at the CTA Board's February meeting. CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** praised the four while presenting the awards.

Philip Danzy, an 11-year bus operator assigned to 77th Street garage, was on a late night No. 3 King Drive run when a passenger brandishing a gun fired several bullets, wounding two other riders before fleeing the bus. Danzy told the Control Center he was leaving his route to take the wounded riders to nearby Michael Reese Hospital. His quick action was credited with saving the life of one of the victims.

Switchman **Harold Klein** saw two cars of a train derail while it was approaching Howard terminal from the yard. The cars knocked over wayside signal equipment and tore up 85 feet of track. Klein, a 13-year employee, alerted the yard foreman who was piloting the train to make an immediate stop in order to avoid further damage and prevent possible injury to riders waiting on the platform.

When a fight broke out on the No. 6 Jeffery Express bus **Marvin Chachere** was operating at 47th Street, he quickly curbed the bus and called the Control Center for police assistance. In a letter commending Chachere — a 24-year CTA veteran assigned to 103rd Street garage — Donald Hilbrig, commander of the 21st police district, wrote, "His willingness to become involved, in disregard of his own personal safety, helped save a citizen from serious injury."

Perry Mamon Jr. was honored for his compassion while serving as a clerk at 77th Street garage. A CTA employee for 21 years, Mamon is also pastor of the New Faith Temple Pentecostal Church on the South Side. It was in his role as pastor that he was asked by his superintendent to go to South Chicago Community Hospital to offer support to the family of a bus operator who had been stricken with a fatal heart attack. Mamon was praised for going beyond the call of official duty to help the bereaved family.



CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (left) and Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage** (right) extend their congratulations to Spirit of Chicago award winners (left to right) **Marvin Chachere**, **Harold Klein** and **Perry Mamon Jr.**

How to Handle High Blood Pressure

If it is not treated, high blood pressure can cause serious health problems. You may have high blood pressure and not even know it because the signs of the disease are not always apparent, says **Dr. Milton J. Sneider**, of the CTA medical staff.

Dr. Sneider advises a yearly checkup for anyone who thinks he or she may have high blood pressure. "While there are many causes for this disease, we can help ourselves with just a minimal amount of care." He suggests the following:

Avoid smoking, use of salt, and putting on excessive weight. A brisk walk or other moderate exercise can be crucial to your good health if done on a regular basis.

If these measures do not lower blood pressure to a reasonable level, a doctor should be consulted. Several drugs have been developed recently that are effective in lowering blood pressure. They can be obtained through your physician.

Proper attention to abnormal blood pressure can prevent strokes, kidney disease, heart attacks, eye and other problems, and provide you with a healthier, normal life. Good care can keep days lost from work to a minimum.

Some individuals who have been placed on different blood pressure drugs have stopped taking them as soon as they felt better. This is a mistake, according to Dr. Sneider. He said that, generally speaking, once treatment has begun, and your blood pressure has been brought under control, you should continue treatment the rest of your life.

Dr. Sneider states that if you are asked to report to the Medical Department for a recheck, you should do so for your own good, and not regard it as some form of punishment. You should remember that high blood pressure can be a killer, but is easily controlled by modern medicine, so you can expect to enjoy a full life with family and friends.

Anyone with a question about high blood pressure should feel free to call the Medical Department at the Mart, Extension 3457.

Salute Support Staff Training Program Graduates



A reception was held recently at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza to honor graduates of the Management Development and Training Department's first Support Staff Training Program, which was held in December. The pilot program, cosponsored by Triton College, stressed team building, oral and written communication, and other business-related skills. MD&T Manager Gary Melberg said the program was so well received there is already a waiting list for the planned May session.

Kneeling in the graduation photo are Sue Worcester (left) and Iris Rodríguez. Seated (left to right) are: Stephanie Marble, Lovie Fisher, Ricarda Moyer, Eva Reyes, Elisa Jaquinde, Paula Costantini, Mary Beth Laschober and Carol Aguirre. In the back row are: Marcia Rhone, Antrace Glenn, Susan Pestine, Cheryl East, Kimberly Mitchell, Alice Dungan, Bonita Gness, Margaret Baxa, Marilyn Hayward, Gloria Tibbs, Arlene Brownlow, Mary Gallon, Beatrice Cano, Virginia Wolfe, Felicia Wilkins, Corazon Valera, and Collette Zogg, MD&T coordinator.

Station Entrance Opens at 203 N. LaSalle

Another phase of the Clark-Lake station project was completed January 18 with the opening of the entrance to the Lake Transfer station in the Dearborn subway from the 203 North LaSalle building. The entrance will eventually provide access to both the subway and the Clark-Lake "L" station, as will the State of Illinois Center across the street. Taking part in the ceremony were (left to right) RTA Executive Director Laura A. Jibben, RTA Chairman Gayle M. Franzen, CTA Chairman Clark Burrus, CTA Executive Director Alfred H. Savage, IDOT Director of Public Transportation Linda Wheeler, building developer Richard A. Stein, and Commissioner of Public Works David Williams.



Romance On Schedule at Dempster Street

It was a good thing Evanston Express Run 510 arrived on time at Dempster Street during the evening rush period February 14. Without such excellent service, Susan Adamo, of Evanston, might not be headed for the altar with Paul Baliles. With CTA's cooperation, Baliles was on the platform ready to ask for Susan's hand in marriage the moment she stepped off the train. Channel 2 TV caught the Valentine's Day event live for the evening news. After Paul's proposal was accepted, a brief celebration was held on the spot where Susan's train came in.



Renovated Cottage Grove Station Back In Operation



The Cottage Grove station on the Jackson Park branch was reopened January 21 after over a year of reconstruction. Alderman Arenda Troutman (at lectern) expressed the community's appreciation for the \$4.9 million project that included new electronic fare collection equipment, improved lighting, and elevators from the sidewalk to each platform. Also taking part were (left to right, foreground) Department of Public Works Commissioner David Williams, Mayor Richard M. Daley, and CTA Executive Director Alfred H. Savage.

New Warehouse for 63rd Street Lower Yard



A new heavy duty storage building is nearing completion in the 63rd Street lower yard on the Jackson Park branch. The 700,000-square-foot warehouse measures 353 by 80 feet, and has separate truck and rail loading docks with bridge cranes. The \$3.3 million facility replaces several outmoded frame storage buildings, and is expected to improve operational efficiency significantly when it opens later this year.

CTA Shares Pride In Honored Achiever



Lagreta Chillers, the stepdaughter of Daniel Thomas, quality assurance inspector at Skokie Shop, was one of 14 finalists honored as Illinois Young Black Achievers by the Illinois Lottery and Jewel Food Stores. Picked from among

325 entrants, the 13-year-old 8th grader from Gwendolyn Brooks Junior High School in Harvey was singled out for her civic activities. She has been in gifted programs since 2nd grade.



Transit Memories

When Streetcars Ran With Trailers

For nine years, beginning in 1921, streetcar service in Chicago had an added dimension — the trailer car. Just over 100 of these unpowered surface vehicles were built in the first few years of the decade by the Chicago Surface Lines and the J. G. Brill Company, of Philadelphia.

Post-World War I economic growth and an increase of over 600,000 in the city's population between 1920 and 1930 brought new highs in public transportation usage. A record 1,167,941,668 revenue passengers were counted in 1927 as having ridden on Chicago Motor Coach Company buses, Chicago Surface Lines streetcars, and Rapid Transit Company 'Ls.'

Trailer cars were used mainly during rush periods to augment the capacity of regular streetcar service without requiring extra motormen. The vehicles were 47 1/2 feet long, had seats for about 62 riders, and looked somewhat like the Peter Witt cars that were introduced at the end of the decade. Both entry and exit were by either of two center doors.

Clark-Wentworth was the first route to get motor-trailer trains, beginning on September

1, 1921. Others went into service on Halsted, Pulaski, Cicero, Madison, Grand and Ogden.

Even though the cars weighed less than half the 28 tons of the Old Pullman cars that had been rebuilt to haul them, they still put a considerable strain on whatever motor units were involved. A lengthy layover between trips was needed to cool the motors.

While radial tightlock couplers connected the air and electrical circuits automatically with the motor car ahead, air had to be supplied from the motor car's tanks. With no trolley poles of their own, light, signal and heating current also had to come from the motor car.

The development of two-car multiple unit trains ended the interest in trailers, and the last units were taken out of service after operating on Halsted on September 9, 1930.



Hauled by one of the "169 cars," a trailer moves through Garfield Park on the Madison route in the mid-1920's.



In Memoriam

Carl W. Anderson, 70, North Section
Anthony J. Arini, 75, Vehicle Maint.
Emil E. Barbrick, 88, Forest Glen
Bernard C. Becker, 71, 69th Street
Wilhelm A. Behnke, 83, Vehicle Maint.
Louis J. Bieniek, 67, Forest Glen
Anthony Bosco, 63, West Shops
Walter W. Bovald, 85, Shops & Equip.
Richard A. Brady, 73, Transportation
Elmer F. Briskey, 67, North Avenue
Erna E. Buchholz, 91, Law
Lawrence M. Casey, 79, North Avenue
Jesse Cross, 72, Vehicle Maint.
Edmund Daddazio, 67, Forest Glen
William T. Dowtin, 84, Investigation
Michael Dwyer, 84, Shops & Equip.
Harry Filip, 70, Douglas
Charles J. Freeland, 88, West Sect.
Newton Gable, 85, 52nd Street
Sam Gianpiccolo, 79, North Park
Edward Haylicek, 86, Lawndale
Mary I. Hendrickson, 71, Rail Maint.

Thomas Hurston, 97, 77th Street
Anton Kazaitis, 97, Shops & Equip.
Patrick J. Kehoe, 79, District C
John J. Kirby, 74, Beverly
Charles Krauss, 90, Shops & Equip.
Margaret Lavin, 93, North Section
Leo Lizak, 77, Plant Maint.
Thomas P. Lyons, 80, North Side
James E. Marble, 58, Schedules
Joseph L. Markos, 69, Jefferson Pk.
Joseph Mascolino, 101, South Side
John McGill, 72, Beverly
Herbert L. McKnight, 64, Beverly
Roy W. Minogue, 77, Vehicle Maint.
Arthur H. Moilanen, 84, North Ave.
John J. Mornar, 66, Treasury
James C. Morris, 83, South Side
Jamie H. Morris, 69, Kimball
John J. Murphy, 79, 77th Street
Nicholas Navert, 84, Kedzie
Maurice O'Donnell, 71, 69th Street
John Ohlman, 77, North Park

John Paakonen, 79, Forest Glen
Arthur Parker, 85, West Section
Benjamin Perkins, 63, 77th Street
Vito Riscossa, 80, Kedzie
Jennie J. Scott, 78, Maintenance
Myles P. Sheridan, 82, South Side
Siegfried G. Shonts, 81, Budget
Nicholas B. Sipich, 77, Bldg. Maint.
Clarence W. Spindler, 80, Track
Philip J. Sutkus, 74, Archer
Harold Thompson, 92, Shops & Equip.
Frank T. Tindle, 74, North Park
Lawrence J. Tobin, 85, West Side
Joseph Wacker, 83, North Side
Harold C. Walborn, 77, North Side
Louis Weincord, 80, North Side
Irene Wenke, 97, Accounting
Frederick L. Wise, 71, West Shops
Adam Zasimowich, 75, Transport.
Francis E. Zeiger, 70, 77th St.



January Retirees

Robert F. Aldworth, Opns. Plan. & Dev., 16 years
McBride Anderson, Financial Services, 30 years
Frank B. Bartos, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 20 years
Fred L. Bassett, Kedzie, 35 years
Louis C. Basso, Materials Mgmt., 34 years
Clarence W. Baxa, Media Relations, 32 years
James R. Bell, Eng. & Maint. Equip., 25 years
Cleveland Bennett, Materials Mgmt., 25 years
Frank Bocleair, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 25 years
Frank L. Bruno, Eng. & Maint. Serv., 43 years
Excell D. Buckner, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 26 years
Robert E. Buergermeier, E. & M. Fac., 29 years
Eileen Carmody, West Section, 26 years
Raymond D. Carson, Pensions, 34 years
Alex Carter Jr., 77th Street, 30 years
Giuliano Caruso, Eng. & Maint. Equip., 37 years
Quillen Chubb, 103rd Street, 25 years
Eugene R. Church, Forest Glen, 27 years
Eugene F. Clifford, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 25 years
Wesley Cobbs, Kedzie, 33 years
Rita L. Deakin, Financial Services, 38 years
Robert L. Desvignes, Trans. Personnel, 42 years
Rosario DiMarco, Eng. & Maint. Equip., 6 years
Anthony C. DiNella, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 6 years
Denis C. Dobbyn, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 35 years
Peter Dolan, North Park, 31 years
Emile J. Domer, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 34 years
Thomas J. Donnelly Sr., E. & M. Equip., 29 years
Howard Francis, 103rd Street, 26 years
Luther L. Gaston, Treasury, 34 years
Vincenzo Geraci, Eng. & Maint. Equip., 23 years
Peter J. Graf, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 38 years

Donald D. Grant, Archer, 34 years
Robert O. Hargrave, E. & M. Equip., 30 years
Cary A. Holman, 103rd Street, 24 years
Jewell M. Hunt, North Section, 23 years
Hubert Ivory Sr., Central Dist., 24 years
Joseph P. Jamison, 61st Street, 34 years
Florence A. Janczura, Financial Serv., 24 years
Charles T. Jones, Limits, 25 years
Frank L. Jones, Comm. & Power, 25 years
Fred L. Jones, Trans. Services, 31 Years
Chris G. Kalogeras, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 24 years
Eun Gyn Lee, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 12 years
Joe W. Mack, 95th Street, 30 years
James L. McCurtis, Congress, 31 years
Raymond D. McGovern, Eng. & M. Fac., 23 years
Jesse R. Miller, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 14 years
Luzell Mims, District C, 37 years
Austin Moran, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 11 years
Seymour M. Motin, North Bus Area, 15 years
Eleson E. Murphy, Operations Png., 30 years
Terrance J. Murtaugh, E. & M. Equip., 27 years
Dorothy V. Nyczak, Financial Serv., 21 years
John C. O'Connor, Eng. & Maint. Eq., 26 years
Mitsuo Ogata, Forest Glen, 32 years
Semen Pacira, Eng. & Maint. Equip., 14 years
George W. Page, North District, 23 years
Fred C. Plambeck, Forest Glen, 31 years
James R. Pruitt, 103rd Street, 32 years
Leon Rayburn, North Section, 25 years
Edward Reaux, Comm. & Power, 39 years
Jack Robinson, Eng. & M. Equip., 22 years
Willie B. Robinson, 77th Street, 31 years
Roosevelt Russell, 69th Street, 33 years
Jerome E. Ryan, Forest Glen, 32 years
Joseph T. Sammon, E. & M. Equip., 25 years

Edward J. Sanello, Forest Glen, 21 years
Ervin G. Schultz, North Park, 40 years
James J. Skopec, Forest Glen, 36 years
Joseph Solan Jr., Forest Glen, 31 years
John M. Sullivan, E. & M. Fac., 37 years
James Thompson, Lawndale, 25 years
Luis Velez, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 34 years
Ronald Walker, 61st Street, 27 years
Jerome E. Walter Sr., E. & M. Eq., 25 years
John C. Williams, Materials Mgmt., 34 years
T. C. Williams, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 25 years
Wayne C. Williams, 69th Street, 33 years
LeRoy Wilson Jr., 103rd Street, 34 years
Edna Wimberly, West Section, 16 years
Ronald L. Winston, West Section, 25 years
John W. Woods, Eng. & Maint. Fac., 31 years
Richard O. Young, Lawndale, 27 years

Disability Retirements

Earsker Burgess Jr., Archer, 20 years
Paul Daniels, Schedules, 27 years
Ophelia Ellis, North Park, 16 years
Carlos Jimenez, Forest Glen, 18 years
Hector Mercado, Forest Glen, 15 years
Ruby Norwood, 69th Street, 12 years
Doreen L. Sorenson, Trans. Pers., 19 years
Loretta Wilson, Trans. Personnel, 11 years



February Anniversaries

40 Years

James Pate, Safety & Tech. Serv.
William Payne, Ashland/61st/95th

35 Years

Frank Goudeau, 69th Street

30 Years

James Burris, Kedzie
Allen Fowler, 77th Street
Salvatore Furlin, Forest Glen Mtce.
Johnny Gavin Jr., 69th Street
Mary Ann Jagodzinski, Finance
John Pitsoulakis, Bus Instruction
Cecil Wood, Engine, So. Shops

25 Years

Clarence Asher, 69th Street
Leslie Baughn, Bus Dist. B
Linda Bremer, Intergovt. Affairs
Henry Brown, Payroll Operations
Ernest Burnett, Lawndale
Stephen Conway, Archer
Josea Cook Jr., Trans. Trng. Ctr.
Cannie Davison, 69th Street
Lessie Dillon, 77th Street

Tom Elerby Jr., Bus Instruction
Ronald Garner, Central Counting
Lee Gillard, 69th Street
Bernard Gilmore, Structures Mtce.
Richard Goodman, 77th Street
Tommy Harper, Agents West
James Hawthorne, 103rd Street
Harry Horn, Opns. Comm. & Power
William Howell, 77th Street
Leroy Hunter, Vehicle Wiring
Grace Iacono, Opns. Planning
Robert Jackson Jr., Ash./61st/95th
Allen Jacobs, Central Bus Dist.
Jimmie Johnson, 69th Street
Denis Kippes, Limits
Willie McCain, Bus Dist. A
John McClain, Bus Instruction
Cleveland Minnifield Jr., Kedzie
Robert Neighbors, O'Hare
Earnest Phelps, Schedules
Willie Rochelle, Bus Dist. A.
John Sara Jr., Signal Support
Eddie Sibley, 77th Street
Nathaniel Sowell, Howard/Kimball
Claude Stevens, Safety Insp. & Inv.
Obell Townsend, 103rd Street
Joseph Valtierra Jr., Trans. Trng.
Toby Warmack, Printing
David Weathington, Bus Dist. A
Floyd Williams Jr., Rail Pers. No.



February Retirees

Willie Baker, Lawndale, 25 years
Davenport Bond, 103rd Street, 23 years
Willie L. Brewster, Kedzie, 30 years
David Brownlee, Lawndale, 24 years
Steven K. Butler, Racine Maint., 25 years
Charles E. Conner, E. & M. Fac., 34 years
Claude Conwell, 69th Street, 34 years
Samuel Coulter Jr., 77th Street, 31 years
John A. Eiselt Jr., North Park, 29 years
Eddie L. Elliott, 103rd Street, 26 years
David Evans Jr., Howard, 26 years
Aaron G. Fairfax, Kedzie, 37 years
Robert E. Featherston, E. & M. Fac., 25 years
Tyree Gray, Kedzie, 25 years
Robert Harris, 95th Street, 34 years
Claude J. Jones, 77th Street, 30 years
William J. Klimas, E. & M. Equip., 25 years

Thomas A. McCann, District D, 37 years
Charles A. Preschel, Forest Glen, 24 years
Robert F. Revolt, E. & M. Fac., 29 years
John O. Sanchez, E. & M. Fac., 19 years
Benjamin Smith, E. & M. Equip., 25 years
Arthur J. Tropple, North Park, 32 years
Cornelius L. VanDerMolen, E. & M. Fac., 25 years

Disability Retirements

Jose H. Alvarado, Douglas, 15 years
Hercules P. Auza, Eng. & Maint. Eq., 14 years
Alvin D. Hayes, Trans. Personnel, 21 years
Sherwood B. Kenerson, Ashland, 16 years
Robert L. Lay, Limits, 21 years

March Anniversaries

45 Years

Joseph Grojean, Bus Service

40 Years

Patrick Clifford, Grant & Prop. Actng.

35 Years

Willie Burch, Bus Dist. C
Elwood Flowers, Ashland/61st/95th
Luis Velez, Field Support

30 Years

Kenneth Blocker, Truck Shop, Skokie
James Flores, Mech. Mtce. So.
William Lyke Jr., Mech. Mtce. No.
George Martens, Forest Glen
Mack Mister Jr., Kedzie
Steve Nicpon, Forest Glen
James Reidy, Signal Mtce.
Lloyd St. James, Bus Pers. South
Kenneth Stolz, Admin. Services

25 Years

Joseph Bailey, Racine Mtce.
David Butler, 69th Street
Joseph Byrne, Bldg. Mtce. No.
Eugene Cooper, 69th Street
Wallace Davison, Structures Mtce.
Lothar Grabowski, Truck Shop, Skokie
Hubert Ivory, Central Bus Dist.
James Johnson, Limits
George Kaderabek, Inform. Services
Norman Lee Jr., 103rd Street
James Marshall, H.R. & Benefit Svcs.
Raymond Mason, Agents North
Fred Odrowski, Commun. Mtce.
Frederick Randall, 77th Street
Bennie Ritchie, 77th Street
George Shorts, Rail Janitor Svcs.
Sebastiano Silvio, Track Mtce.
John Smith, Kedzie
Marshall Smith, Bus Dist. A
Keith Taylor, 77th Street
Charles Turner Jr., Limits
Wallace White Jr., Track Support
Marcellus Williamson, 69th Street



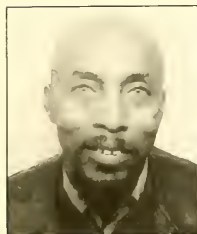
Commendations



Dianna Owens (Forest Glen garage) was complimented for her courtesy as operator of a No. 77 Belmont bus by Charles Bermingham, of North Kenneth Avenue. "I can't see well, and I have to ask if the bus goes to Lincoln Avenue. She is polite about telling me. She always calls the stops loudly and clearly. In every case where I have overheard disputes between her and a passenger or questions about directions, she has handled the problem correctly and politely."



Charles Young (Congress terminal) was admired by Donna Bold, of West Giddings Street, for his performance as conductor of an O'Hare line train. "I can't say enough about the way he calls off the stops, his courtesy to passengers and his positive attitude. When we were delayed, he kept us advised and apologized several times. Another time, he came into our car when an inebriated rider became a little unruly to ask if there were any problems. He had everything under control."



John Reynolds (103rd Street garage) was thanked by Yvonne Randle, who works on East Wacker Drive, for holding his No. 6 Jeffery Express bus so she could transfer from a No. 1 bus at Lake Park Avenue. "There was no one at the stop, and I thought he was going to pull away. He didn't, and he didn't lose a second at any stop. He was courteous and waited when people needed to cross a street to get to the bus. It was a rather horrible Monday, but I was glad to be on his run."



Helen Mosqueda (Lawndale garage) won praise from Mrs. William Domrese, of South Whipple Street, who was a rider on her No. 60 Blue Island/26th bus. "She called off all the streets, and reminded those who asked to get off at certain stops. She was pleasant to all the passengers, whether they were getting on or off the bus. When the bus got crowded, she turned around and asked everyone to make room for the seniors and handicapped. She's the best CTA can offer."

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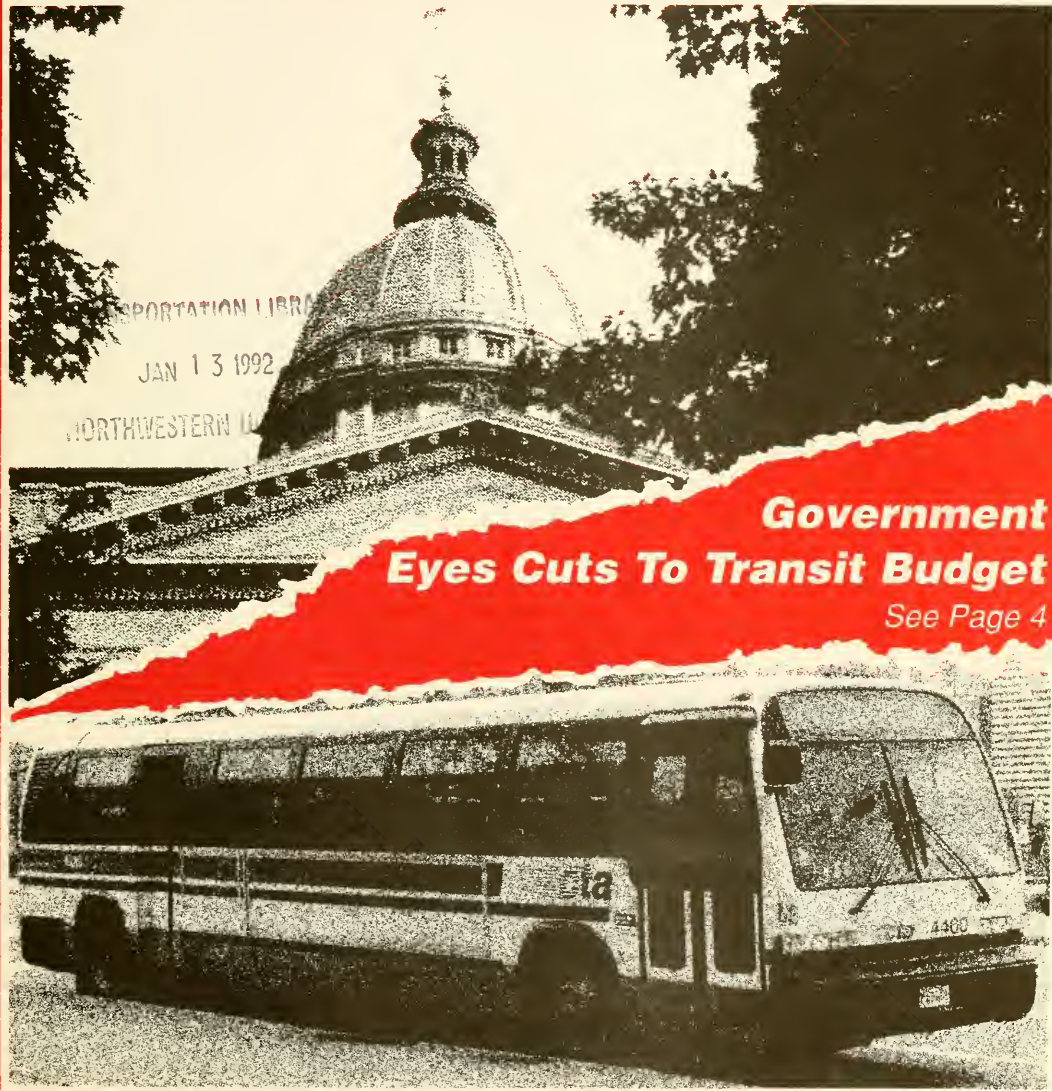
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As I approach the end of my first year here at the Chicago Transit Authority, two very different thoughts come to mind.

The first is that the future of public transit in this country is being tested as never before. The proposed federal and state budget cuts threaten our operations. The facts regarding this have been widely reported, and more information can be found in this issue of Transit News.

But the second thought, and the one I want to deal with here, is very positive. Looking over the facts on CTA's performance this past year, and on how the CTA compares to other transit authorities, there are plenty of reasons for pride.

In comparison to our peers, the CTA stands as one of the safest, and most efficient transit systems. Consider the following examples:

- **Fare Recovery:** While many outsiders, including the Secretary of Transportation Sam Skinner, say the CTA should cut out service that doesn't pay, facts say differently. The CTA recovers 54 per cent of its operating costs from fares. That is nearly 10 per cent better than other large urban systems. Boston and San Francisco, for example, only recover one-third, or less, of their operating costs from fares.
- **Maintenance:** One way to measure our maintenance ability is to look at the number of times buses break down in the field. Despite operating the oldest bus fleet compared to our peers, the CTA is near the top in fewest number of roadcalls. Our record of .26 roadcalls per one thousand vehicle miles is 63 per cent better than similar transit agencies. That record will only get better as new buses replace the old.
- **Operating Costs:** Two ways to measure how efficiently we operate are cost per vehicle mile and cost per vehicle hour. In both cases, the CTA stacks up well against the other transit agencies. We are spending \$5.18 per vehicle mile for both bus and rail. The average for other transit systems is \$7.26. Looking at operations another way, we are spending \$64.27 per hour to run our vehicles. Other transit systems as big as ours spend \$98.04 per hour.

These are all facts everyone at the CTA can look at with pride. Running an efficient system is critical if we are to continue providing quality transportation in the face of dwindling government support.

As I look ahead to my second year as executive director, there are many areas of concern. The political decisions in Washington D.C. and Springfield about transit will be very important. We are faced with many tough economic decisions.

But we enter this uncertain time with a solid foundation. Compared to other systems our size, we are running an efficient system. Fares are supporting our operations. Our maintenance branch continues to perform well against many obstacles. And our operations branch gets the most out of each hour and mile of service.

This is a CTA we can look at with pride because these are results you have accomplished.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

Delivery of First New Rail Cars Is Anticipated for Late '91

Six 3200 series rapid transit cars are planned for delivery to CTA by the Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc. of Hornell, N.Y. by the end of the year. Nearly 100 of the new cars will be used on the new South-west line, now under construction. The new line which runs south-west from the city, will serve Midway Airport as well as the largest remaining sector of Chicago, currently without rapid transit service. Completion date for the \$490 million project is scheduled for late 1992, or early 1993.

Morrison-Knudsen was awarded a \$207.7 million contract last year to provide CTA with 256 cars at \$811,000 per car. The price includes spare parts, training, and manuals. Four of the first six cars to be delivered this year will be tested in passenger service for six months while the other two will be used for training. Once the tests have been completed, Morrison-Knudsen is expected to deliver 10 to 14 cars a month until the scheduled completion in 1994.

Bodies for the stainless steel cars are being supplied by Mafersa of Brazil, and traction equipment by General Electric at Erie, Pa. Final assembly and fitting is taking place in Morrison-Knudsen's Hornell, N.Y. workshop.

The new stainless steel cars, similar in appearance to the latest model cars in CTA's inventory, will have corrugated lower exterior panels to deter graffiti artists. Hinged ventilators will rest over the large windows of each car to provide access to fresh air as needed. Each car will also have self-contained underfloor air-conditioning units and improved heating.

The interior of each car will feature a two-and-one seating arrangement to provide wider aisles and better traffic flow. Two seats will be on one side and a single seat on the other. Each car will have space for a wheelchair, and there will be wide sliding doors to provide easy passenger traffic movement to accommodate wheelchairs.

The new cars will each feature a passenger intercom system for rider security. A call box will be located near the wheelchair position so that passengers may communicate with the operator of the train in the event of an emergency.



New 3200 Series Rapid Transit Cars

CTA U.S. Bond Drive Is May 20-31

1991 marks the Golden Anniversary of the U.S. Savings Bonds Program. Savings Bonds are a good investment for many reasons; one of the best reasons is that U.S. Savings Bonds ownership is an investment in your own future and it strengthens the America economy.

U.S. Savings Bonds are competitive with other consumer investments, guaranteed to earn a minimum rate, and is a tax-savings investment. Buying U.S. Savings Bonds is also a good way to build funds for higher education in your future.

Moreover, funds from U.S. Savings Bonds are available upon demand, and bonds are replaceable if they are stolen, or if some other loss is incurred.

During CTA's Savings Bond drive, set for May 12-25 CTA employees will receive additional information about the advantages of owning U.S. Savings Bonds and the availability of bonds through the CTA payroll savings plan.

Each employee is encouraged to study the material carefully and consider how your participation in a regular U.S. Savings Bond program could benefit you and your family. If you are already participating in the U.S. Savings Bond program perhaps you will want to consider increasing your savings rate.



The Chicago Transit Authority is no stranger to budget battles. Over the years, the CTA has campaigned hard to receive the dollars needed to fund the system which we provide and Chicago has come to expect. Many tough decisions have been made regarding fares and service.

Right now, however, CTA faces its toughest battle. The future of the Authority, and many of our jobs, are on the line.



Executive Director Alfred H. Savage briefs the CTA board on the "devastating effects" that the proposed federal and state cuts to funds for public transportation would have on the Chicago Transit Authority and the nearly two million riders depending upon its service.

specific ways in which everyone can respond. Lawmakers in both capitols must hear from the more than 13 thousand people who make the CTA run each day, and from the thousands of retirees.

There are a number of ways your voices may be heard. But first, some background information: The 1991 operating budget for the CTA is \$746 million. The operating assistance provided in 1991 by the federal government is \$38 million. President Bush proposes to eliminate that fund. The portion of the state budget proposed for elimination brings \$31 million to the CTA this year.

Combined, those two threatened cuts equal more than nine per cent of the CTA's total budget. Before these proposals were made, the budget planners here were already facing a tough task.

The sales tax revenue which helps fund the CTA has not provided enough money. A poor economy, and a system that favors suburban areas, has been an ongoing problem for the CTA.

There are no definite numbers. But if both federal and state cuts are made, and the sales tax revenue continues to slump, the CTA could be faced with a budget deficit exceeding \$100 million by 1992.

As CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** pointed out when these budget proposals were made: "If President Bush and Governor Edgar succeed in cutting these transit dollars, the CTA will not be the same system our riders deserve and expect."

The CTA board called a special meeting on March 8, to consider these "devastating" measures. Resolutions were passed urging an aggressive effort to restore these proposed cuts. Chairman Burrus and Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage** have already gone to Washington, urging the Illinois Congressional delegation to restore the funding. Similar trips are planned for Springfield as the legislature there begins its spring session.

But there is a role for CTA employees to play as well. All elected officials are sensitive to the mood of their constituents. We must let all of them know what these budget cuts will mean, not just for fellow employees, but for the entire Chicago region.

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It is a battle with two fronts: Washington and Springfield. On the federal level, proposals by President Bush's administration would ultimately reduce to nothing the national commitment to public transportation. On the state level, Governor Edgar has proposed a budget that dramatically reduces the state's commitment as well.

It is a battle that will affect not only the public that depends on the CTA for transportation, but every CTA employee. If the budget cuts as proposed become reality, it will not only mean fare hikes and service cuts, but a large reduction in the workforce. In other words, it will mean layoffs.

For this reason, every CTA employee has a direct stake in the decisions being made in Washington and Springfield. There are some



Transit Budget Cuts (continued)

We must tell them that losing one out of seven of our operating dollars will cripple the CTA, stranding the tens of thousands who depend each day on efficient, affordable public transportation.

It is important to speak out. Your letters, along with the lobbying efforts of CTA executives, are a critical element to this battle. There are countless others who have a stake in the

survival of this vital service to the Chicago area. Do not hesitate to recruit your family and friends to join in speaking out.

The CTA has made great strides in recent years, restoring public confidence in a system that is one of the best in the world. Now is the time to let elected officials know that cutting transit dollars will send that system heading in the wrong direction.

Send Your Letters

Letters that speak out against budget cuts to public transportation as proposed by both federal and state governments are a matter of urgency. Employees should write to Illinois' two U.S. senators as well as to your own U.S. Congressional representatives and state legislators.

Send your letters to:

Honorable Alan J. Dixon
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510

Honorable Paul Simon
U.S. Senate
462 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

You should also make known your views to Illinois state legislators who serve on the Transportation Committee. They are:

Honorable Alfred G. Ronan
Illinois House of Representatives
2810 West Fullerton
Chicago, IL 60647

Honorable Howard B. Brookins
Illinois Senate
500 West 95th Street
Chicago, IL 60628

Other Illinois Senate and House leaders are:

Honorable Philip J. Rock
Senate President
306 West Madison
Oak Park, IL 60302

Honorable James "Pate" Philip
Senate Minority Leader
970 North Oaklawn AV., Suite 120
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Honorable Lee A. Daniels
House Minority Leader
50 East Oak, Suite 250
Addison, IL 60101

Honorable Michael J. Madigan
House Speaker
6500 South Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60629



CTA United Way Participation Increased, Solicitors Honored

CTA recently honored some 70 employees who, as United Way/Crusade of Mercy solicitors, helped the Authority increase participation by over 60 percent and contributions by 64 percent during its 1990 campaign. The solicitors were feted by Chairman **Clark Burrus**, Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, Campaign Chairman **James Marshall** and United Way President **Jack Prater** at a luncheon held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza.

Burrus praised the solicitors for their dedication and tenacity, and cited improved organization, training and communication for the dramatic increase in the Authority's results.

"I said more than a year ago," the chairman noted, "that with a well planned campaign, we could show significant improvement in our support of the United Way. Your dedication, along with the generosity of a large number of CTA employees, proved me correct in that assessment."

"We have established the momentum," Savage stated, "and now its up to all of you to help us continue to improve, and to work to get the United Way's message out to each one of our people. What we do for the United Way ultimately helps us all."

Marshall reinforced that message when he pointed out that the solicitors "took the time to make personal, one-on-one contact" with their fellow employees and "patiently answered their questions and explained the many good works that the United Way does."

Prater spoke of the commonality of goals and objectives between CTA and the United Way.

"People depend on both of us to provide necessary services," he said, "and we are both reliant on public support to be successful. Your work in the 1990 campaign is a positive reminder of that common bond."

Prater presented special United Way achievement awards to Savage, Marshall and Employee Campaign Coordinator **Clayton McLean**. Solicitors each received certificates of achievement from the organization.



Human Resources Program specialist **Clayton McLean** (left) CTA's United Way campaign coordinator, accepts United Way's achievement award from United Way President **Jack Prater**. Applauding the occasion are CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** (seated left), and Deputy Executive Director **James Marshall**, Industrial Relations and Special Services. **Marshall** and Executive Director **Alfred Savage** were also recipients of United Way achievement awards.

Focus Group Session Promotes United Way

What motivates employees to become United Way/Crusade of Mercy Fair Share and Trendsetter givers? Three such CTA employees recently were afforded an opportunity to find out by way of a glimpse at behind-the-scenes research that goes into promoting the United Way.

The three, **Lisa Zembowski** of Maintenance, **Bob Knudsen** of Engineering, and **Robin Chandler-Grayer** of the General Attorney's office, represented the Authority at focus group sessions sponsored by the United Way and Burson-Marsteller, its market research and public relations firm. Zembowski and Chandler-Grayer were invited as Trendsetters, while Knudsen attended a separate session as a Fair Share contributor. The two-hour sessions, attended by similar representatives of other companies, were held to measure the impact of various forms of promotion on potential givers.

Groups of seven participants were shown videotapes of different promotional approaches and were asked to review various brochures and handouts. They were also asked to rate each according to their ability to motivate, educate and inform.

"There was good interaction between members of the panel," Zembowski notes. "We learned a lot from each other, and we learned even more about the United Way and the agencies it serves."

Chandler-Grayer agrees. "On a scale of one to 10, I'd rate it a nine," she says. "We got the chance to air some of our concerns while we got a better view of the work our contributions do. I think more employees need to get involved."

Knudsen, a Fair Share giver for 12 years, points out that "more people need to be aware that a full 90 percent of all contributions to the United Way go directly to the care agencies. We also need to be made aware of the role of volunteers in doing work for free which United Way would otherwise have to pay."

Clayton McLean, CTA's United Way program coordinator, notes that the Authority was chosen to participate in the focus group sessions on the strength of its 64 percent increase in employee participation, accompanied by a similar increase in dollar contributions.

"The sessions will also help us at CTA in running future campaigns, because much of the information obtained by the United Way will be shared with us," McLean said. "Besides," he added, "in those three employees, we have access to some of the same resources that they will be using."

ZAP Hails Low Injury Loss at Lawndale

Nearly 600 Maintenance personnel were honored with catered lunches during March for low employee injury on duty rates in their areas over the last six months of 1990.

Leading the way were Light Maintenance personnel at Lawndale Bus Garage and Racine Rail Terminal Shop who had no injuries during that period, according to **Frank O'Dowd**, Manager, Safety and Environmental Assurance. O'Dowd said that nine of the 18 heavy bus maintenance areas at South Shops and seven of the 14 heavy rail car maintenance areas at Skokie Shops had no more than one employee injury on duty for the entire six month period.

Other maintenance locations earning recognition were the 103rd/Stony Island Bus Garage and the Desplaines Rail Terminal Shop. As runners up in their respective light maintenance categories, both qualified for coffee and sweet rolls.

O'Dowd said that an injury on duty hurts both the employee and the maintenance effort. "Not only is the employee off work and his pay reduced, but the work must be done by someone else, usually on overtime. And, if there is no one available to clean or repair a vehicle and it must be held out of service, our riders could even feel the impact.

"So preventing employee injuries on duty is a great prize, because it benefits the employees, CTA and our riders. To accomplish this, we're trying to raise the awareness of employees to safety hazards in order to reduce the number of employee injuries on duty. We think the best way to get our employees to practice safe habits in the workplace is the Zero Accident Program (ZAP) competition. It provides incentives to avoid work-related accidents and builds teamwork and morale around safety at each maintenance facility.

The next ZAP awards program is set for September 1991.



Dennis Took, (left) maintenance superintendent at Lawndale, and maintenance foreman **William Toomey, Jr.**, accept the first place Zero Accident Program certificate from **Thomas Gecan**, manager, Bus Light Maintenance.

Lawndale Attendance Records Earn Kudos

Twenty-three employees in the Lawndale Repair department received special recognition for having missed less than eight hours of work and having no negative postings to their records during 1990.

The certificates were presented by Lawndale Superintendent **Dennis Took**; unit supervisors **Ron Broughton**, and **Bill Toomey**, who was also an attendance certificate recipient.

Presented with the certificates of achievement were: **Tony Baxter**, **Blaine Borucki**, **Pat Calahan**, **Alex Cartagena**, **Sam Cashaw**, **Jerry Dominick**, **Fred Garza**, **Vince Genna**, **Fermon Griffin**, **Steve Keipel**, **Ray Kidd**, and **Ralph McKinnon**.

Other honorees for attendance were: **Frank Negron**, **Alfonso Nunez**, **Chuck Oddo**, **Nick Radosta**, **Elmer Seymore**, **Harvell Scott**, **Tom Smith**, **Mike Swinford**, **Ronald Thoams**, **William Toomey**, and **Sylvester White**.

Meanwhile, night shift workers at Lawndale presented Supervisor **Broughton**, and foremen **Jerry Anderson**, **Mike Swinford**, **Lee Johnson**, and **Jeff Bugal** with certificates of appreciation and a plaque as "Best Bosses."

CTA Financial Analyst Takes U.S. Citizenship



After 16 years in this country, Certified Public Accountant **Babatunde O. Lawal**, a CTA senior financial analyst, from Nigeria, has become a proud new U.S. citizen.

Babatunde, known to friends and co-workers as **Babs**, joined CTA in 1988,

five years after earning an MBA degree from Chicago's Keller Graduate School of Management. He is also an alumnus of Central Connecticut State College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration/accounting in 1979.

Lawal and his wife, **Sibyl**, a native U.S. citizen, are the parents of three children.

New High-tech Purchasing System Is Planned for '92

The procurement of supplies and services required in the day-to-day business of the Chicago Transit Authority is expected to go from a multi-level paper maze early next year to a sophisticated, on-line computer process.

CTA's Finance Branch, under Deputy Executive Director **Dan Leffers**, recently unveiled a \$10 million capital investment program which will integrate CTA's Accounts Payable, Purchase Order, and Inventory Management systems—the Authority's purchasing, inventory control and accounting systems. When the project is implemented next year, employees will be able to submit material requests and purchase requisitions on-line from computer terminals in their own departments. The new system will also enable departments to track the progress of their requisitions during the procurement process.

"The on-line features alone will eliminate the need to process thousands of pieces of paper each year and will improve CTA business functions," says Project Manager **William Moore**, manager, Accounting Systems and Operations.

Based on recommendations from a 1989 Ernst & Young study of the CTA's accounts payable, purchasing and inventory systems, CTA purchased the AP/PO/IM system and implementation assistance from American Software Inc., an Atlanta-based company specializing in materials management software and implementation services.

Client departments will be able to strike a key on a personal computer and instantly know the delivery status of the requested goods or services instead of having to back track through a mountain of paper work, or make numerous telephone calls.

In addition, AP/PO/IM will interact with another system being tested at the Forest Glen bus garage. This system will enable maintenance personnel to request and instantly identify required parts from a catalog image displayed on a touch screen monitor.

Installed in the late 1970s, the current purchasing system lacks the capability to track vendor performance, orders, or

approval routings. As a result, it is virtually impossible to chart vendor performance or follow contract approvals routed through Law, Budget, DBE, Capital Development, or any other required department.

AP/PO/IM monitors vendor delivery and performance records, as well as contract approval routing. "With AP/PO/IM, buyers, procurement administrators and procurement analysts will receive more accurate information on order lead times and vendor performance," says **Jeffrey Branecki**, purchasing team leader.

Technical limitations prevent the current inventory system from controlling the 20 percent of CTA's \$58.6 million

inventory now located in garages and shop floor stockrooms.

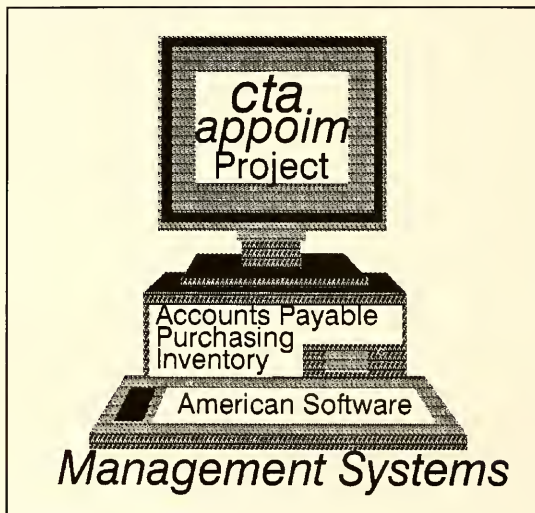
Materials control team leader **Terry Shinnick** said by automating this information, "More accurate inventory levels, usage and demand data will be available to the forecasting system. This will reduce inventory levels and permit material transfers between the warehouses and stockrooms as needed, which will save the Authority money."

Inventory movement will be regulated further by the AP/PO/IM feature which automatically tracks the movement of materials through each inventory phase—receiving, inspecting and warehousing. Estimated to save the Authority approximately \$7,354,000 annually, the new system is

the largest and most complex ever installed by CTA.

As the first on-line application the Management Information Systems department has ever attempted, we hope that its success will clear the way for other on-line systems," said **Ronald Casson**, manager, Systems Services.

One indication of the significance of Accounts Payable/Purchase Order/Inventory Management is the level of support it has received from CTA management. Leffers and Deputy Executive Director **Jud Lawrie**, Budget, Planning and Management Information Systems, have committed 11 employees to the project full-time. Another 10 employees have been assigned part-time.



Parade Entry Planned

CTA employees who are military veterans and who would be interested in participating with CTA in the May 10 Chicago parade to show appreciation and welcome home participants of Operation Desert Storm should contact the Community Relations department on extension 3582.

Third Rail, Ticket Agent Contests Set

The names of eligible applicants for the Third Rail Roundup, and Ticket Agent TieUp competitions will be posted at all rail terminals on April 21, according to co-chairmen **Arthur Hubbard**, and **James Zepp**.

Written test for the two contests will be given April 28 through May 11. Preliminary competition will be conducted May 26 through June 8, and names of finalists will be posted July 7. Final contests will be held July 21. A trip to Toronto to both will be awarded to winners in each competition.

Volleyball Awards Program Planned

CTA's intramural volleyball program will climax the 1990-91 season on May 24 with an awards banquet, 7 p.m. at Annie Tiques Restaurant, 8200 South Cicero, Alsip. Tickets are \$25, and are available through individual team captains. **Diane Caston**, CTA Environmental Safety Assurance, is coordinator. Women interested in participating in the Chicago Park District summer league program should contact Mrs. Caston at 4144 in the Merchandise Mart.



*The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was presented to the Chicago Transit Authority for the second consecutive year at the March monthly meeting of the CTA Board. The prestigious award is given by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units and public employee retirement systems whose comprehensive annual financial reports achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. The award recognized CTA achievements for the fiscal year ending Dec. 30, 1989. Reviewing the comprehensive annual financial report which earned accolades for the Authority are (from left) **Jeffrey L. Esser**, executive director, Government Finance Officers Association; **Daniel Leffers**, deputy executive director, Finance Branch; CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, **Anthony Mandolini**, treasurer, and **Virginia Wendorf**, manager, Financial Reporting and Analysis.*



Staying Healthy

Preventive medicine and early diagnosis are the key factors in maintaining individual well-being. Although the prevalence of cancer of the colon and rectum is increasing, the rate of cure is not.

Screening for malignant lesions is now available and early diagnosis is crucial. Cancer of the colon and rectum is one of the most common malignant lesions in the United States. About 147,000 new cases were reported in 1988.

The risk factors identified are diet, hereditary diseases, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, and polyps. Diet is an important factor which may explain the prevalence of cancer of the colon and rectum in the western world and underdeveloped countries.

The typical western diet contains more fat and less fiber. The manifestations of colorectal cancer vary, but the most common is the presence of blood in the stool. The other manifestations are change in bowel habits, abdominal pain, change in stool size, anemia, and finally bowel obstruction.

There is a simple kit available from your doctor which may be used to detect blood in the stool. Any positive results should be reported immediately to the doctor for further evaluation.

Questions concerning the kits should be directed to your family doctor. Employees are also free to call the Medical department in the Merchandise Mart, extension 3457.

CTA celebrates African American Heritage Month

African music filled the air with excitement in the General Office cafeteria at the Merchandise Mart on February 22 as CTA employees prepared for the celebration of African-American Heritage Month.

Volunteers gathered to set up decorations and photographic displays of black inventors, statesmen and other black heroes as well as significant historical events in Black history. A wide selection of artwork and handicrafts was assembled for everyone's enjoyment. Meanwhile, musicians tuned their instruments as other volunteers made last-minute culinary preparations of delicacies to be sampled later.

Dr. Marjorie Joyner, 94, renowned civil rights worker who is the grandmother of Management Development and Training Superintendent **Mary Ann Bridges**, attended the celebration and spoke to employees observing the occasion. Dr. Joyner, president of the Chicago Defender Charities for more than 60 years, encouraged her audience to work together for the socioeconomic advancement of all people.

CTA Board Member **Arthur Hill** also focused attention on recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans. Other speakers included the Rev. **Wayne Robinson**, of the Trinity United Church of Christ, and **Arthur Treadwell**, of the DuSable Museum.

CTA employees were also treated to the melodic sounds of the newly formed CTA gospel choir, under the direction of celebration program chairman **Brian Marshall**, programs coordinator for Management Development and Training. The celebration also included the "hot jazz" saxophone of Management Information Systems senior programmer **Rodney Newberry**, and the vocal renditions of soprano **Lois Johnson**, administrative secretary with Capital Development.

Mary Gallon, secretary in the Quality Improvement department at South Shops, was mistress of ceremonies. **Clayton McLean**, Human Resources program specialist, introduced Doctor Joyner, and Board Member **Arthur Hill**. Executive and management personnel attending the celebration included CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, and Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.

The 1991 CTA celebration of African American Heritage Month was the second consecutive year for the observance organized by CTA's Affirmative Action department as part of its Cultural Enrichment Program. **Aida M. Galarza**, Affirmative Action manager, said the purpose of the program is to promote recognition, and to highlight the history and traditions of the diverse cultures represented in CTA's workforce.

Since the program's inception in 1989, observances have also been held highlighting Asian American Heritage (May), Irish Heritage (March), Hispanic Heritage (September-October), Italian Heritage (October), and Native American Heritage (November). The programs are made possible through the volunteer efforts of CTA employees contributing their time and talents to the success of the events. Employees interested in participating as volunteers with Affirmative Action's Cultural Enrichment Program should contact the department on extension 3520.



Native attire as well as musical instruments and, a variety of artifacts were exhibited and demonstrated for the audience at the second consecutive CTA African American Heritage Month celebration in the employee cafeteria at the Merchandise Mart.



Dr. Marjorie Joyner, 94, noted civil rights worker, and grandmother of CTA Management Development and Training department Superintendent Mary Ann Bridges, was special guest at CTA's celebration of African American Heritage Month program. On hand to welcome Doctor Joyner were (from left) CTA Chairman Clark Burrus, Affirmative Action Manager Aida Galarza, and Executive Director Alfred H. Savage.

Chicago Day, Culture Bus Makes Enjoyable Outings

Chicago Day is coming Sunday, May 5, followed a week later by the start of CTA's 15th Culture Bus season. Both can be expected to generate a lot of interest — and questions from the riding public.

CTA employees should familiarize themselves with these events, not only so they can inform riders, but also so they can make use of the service themselves and provide an enjoyable outing for their families.

Chicago Day is a celebration by a dozen Chicago cultural institutions that are in the process of marking their 100th anniversaries. To attract more attention, they banded together in 1989 to sponsor an annual open house, allowing free admission to all their institutions on the same day, and providing a free, continuously operating bus route linking them all together.

115 Employees Donate in Blood Drive

CTA General Office employees came through in a big way in a recent volunteer blood drive co-sponsored by the United Blood Service, a not-for-profit Chicago agency.

Clayton McLean, program coordinator, said 115 employees donated blood in the drive conducted March 27 in the CTA Board Room. "The response was unbelievable," said McLean. Plans were first made to hold the drive during the peak of the Persian Gulf Conflict and enlisting volunteers was easy. Moreover, the high level of interest continued after the war ended. The Authority and United Blood service agreed on a goal of 80 pints, but 130 people signed up with at least 10 more walk-ins when donors reported. However, only 115 donors were processed since the number of donors actually exceeded the processing capacity.

Special thanks is extended to CTA employees who volunteered their services as greeters and assistants who helped keep things moving, as well as those who answered questions and maintained a cheerful atmosphere.

The volunteers included: Susan Davis, Control Center, Diane Mitchell-Bey, Strategic Planning; Tom Hovany and Joanne Ferlito, Operations; Kim Hunt-Rhymes, Internal Audit; Gail Clisby, Forms Design; Ann Marie Nisivaco, Police Liaison; Walter Taylor, Human Resources; and Jean Kindle, Maintenance.



A United Blood Service nurse checks the blood pressure of a CTA employee preparing to donate a pint of blood in the drive conducted in the CTA Board Room at the Merchandise Mart on March 27. The UBS drive netted 115 pints of donated blood.

WBBM Newsradio 78 and AT&T are co-sponsors of this year's Chicago Day, which will include free bus service every 10 minutes from noon till 5 p.m. to the following locations: The Art Institute of Chicago; the Chicago Historical Society; The Chicago Academy of Sciences; Orchestra Hall; Auditorium Theater/Roosevelt University; Jane Addams Hull-House; the Illinois Institute of Chicago; the University of Chicago, and the Field Museum of Natural History.

Also participating in the May 5 activities are the Visiting Nurse Association, the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, and the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Most of the museums included in this group are also linked by CTA's Culture Bus service, which will operate every Sunday and holiday from May 12 through September 29. Buses on all three Culture Bus routes leave at 30-minute intervals from a stop in front of the Art Institute, on Michigan at Adams, between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A commentator will be on every Chicago Day bus and Culture Bus to tell riders about Chicago history and points of interest along the routes. The regular Culture Bus fare is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for seniors and children, but a step-up provision allows riders with a valid transfer to pay only \$1 or 40 cents more, respectively. Using the special ticket they receive upon payment of the fare, they may ride all three Culture Bus routes without any additional payment.

Culture Bus is an economical and educational way to see Chicago and learn about its history. And it's a great way for you and your family to spend a Sunday or holiday— even on your day off.

Hoosiers Hop CTA for Trips Around Chicago

When organizers planned a four-day trip to Chicago for 90 high school students and teachers from Morresville, Indiana, they chose the most economical and reliable means to get around the city — CTA. Working with AM-TRAK and CTA's Marketing department, they purchased four-day riding passes at \$7 per person to provide the flexibility they needed to reach the places they wanted to see.

Working with the organizers, Marketing coordinator **Ron Weslow** prepared a customized direction guide and arranged for the group's movement in numbers small enough to avoid overcrowding individual trains or buses. Frequent CTA service together with the convenience of a visitor's riding pass gave the group a positive urban experience that made their trip educational as well as economical.



Students and teachers from Morresville, Indiana, boarded a Ravenswood train at Randolph/Wells using visitors' passes during their recent four-day trip to Chicago.



Erik Cooper, 11, the son of transportation analysis **Dan Cooper, Sr.**, Operations Branch, was named Chicago Bulls ballboy on March 1 for "CTA Night" at Chicago Stadium as Chicago met the Dallas Mavericks. Erik is a sixth grader at Fernwood Elementary School. The once-in-a-lifetime honor was bestowed upon the youth by CTA Deputy Executive Director **Ernest Sawyer**, Administration Branch. The evening marked the second consecutive time that bus operator **George Neal** of Kedzie Garage, a CTA employee of 11 years, was chosen to present the game ball to the referee during "CTA Night." Neal was also treated to dinner in the stadium's Governor's Room prior to the game. Bulls/CTA posters, courtesy of CTA were also distributed to employees prior to the game. Kedzie Superintendent **William Platt** said Neal was selected for the honor based on his outstanding work record, and for appearing on WLS-TV, Channel 7 with CTA officials in an upbeat discussion about the Authority. "CTA Night" at Chicago Stadium's program was coordinated by **Michael Taylor**, CTA promotional services representative.



Rapid, Elegant Transit To The End Of The Line

At the turn of the century, when cable and even horse cars still operated on some transit routes, getting across town on Chicago streets was a lengthy arduous effort, particularly for families traveling to outlying cemeteries to bury their loved ones.

Officials of the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad figured that, rather than spend all day in a cortege of funeral carriages out and back to the cemetery, families might want to make their trips more comfortable by chartering 'L' trains to such facilities as Concordia and Waldheim, which were within sight of the Desplaines station.

Bruce Moffat, management analyst, Capital Grants, who is also a transit historian, said that the cars originally chosen for this type of service were from the 790-812 series, which were purchased from the Jewett Car Company, of Newark, Ohio, in 1904. Dark green carpeting and curtains were installed in the cars, and windows were changed to permit caskets to be brought inside.

Elevators were built at the Laflin Street station, at Hoyne on the Douglas Park line, and at the Fifth Avenue (later Wells Street) terminal to bring caskets up from street level to the 'L' platforms. In 1906, the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago (later Chicago Aurora & Elgin) interurban electric line established a joint operation with the Metropolitan to carry funerals to Oak Ridge and Mount Carmel cemeteries.

To provide a more customized setting, the Metropolitan in 1907 rebuilt Car 756 (later 2756), which had been part of an 1898 order from Barney & Smith, exclusively for funeral service. It had sliding, stained-glass doors to the casket compartment, a lavatory, and wicker chairs for about 25 mourners in the carpeted parlor section.

This car was used for funerals until 1926, when it was converted into a medical car for visitors to the International Eucharistic Congress. Improved roads and automotive technology brought an end to requests for funeral 'L' service in the early 1930's. Car 2756, however, remained in service until the CTA era as a medical car, where examinations could be given to employees at rapid transit terminals.



Metropolitan West Side 'L' Car 756 was the only rapid transit car in the nation designed exclusively for funeral service.



In Memoriam

Donald Bennett,
72, North Park

Eric Blakely,
71, Photo

Roscoe Burbridge,
74, South Section

Anthony R. Candela
78, Transportation

Otwa Clemons,
55, 69th Street

Luis Colosimo,
77, Veh. Mtce.

William C. Crosse,
80, South Shops

Elandris Davenport,
77, Rail Mtce.

Martin Durkin,
80, District A

George Drey,
68, South Shops

Arthur Fanstill,
76, District D

Guiseppe Faso,
70, Fac. Engr Mtce

John Glatzel,
64, North Park

Amy M. Grant,
64, Gen. Office

Michael Gricki,
64, Kedzie

Frank Gricus,
81, 77th Street

Jens P. Gude,
83, North Avenue

Harold P. Hansen
76, North Avenue

Fred Hauser,
82, S&E

John James,
74, 77th Street

Ellwood F. Johnson,
73, North Section

Cleo Jones,
72, Mad/Wabash

Jerry Jones,
51, 69th Street

Elmer B. Krambule,
69, South Section

Lawrence Laurie,
77, North Avenue

Robert Lemke,
68, Forest Glen

Joseph Libera,
83, Agents South

David M. McGrath,
90, North Avenue

John McHugh,
89, North Park

Rufus McMillan,
68, Mad/Wabash

John F. McNamara,
85, West Section

Joseph J. Mittler,
76, Transportation

Andrew O'Brien,
77, North Section

John M. Parker,
77, West Section
77, North Section

Frank D. Pavesic,
80, Building Div.

Andrew Peterson,
89, North Park

Jodie A. Rand,
91, S&E

Homer Reed, Jr.
55, ATU Local 241

Robert Rose,
74, Kedzie

Genevieve Rusin,
74, West Section

Charles P. Sandrik,
76, Kedzie

Peter A. Schmanski,
65, Forest Glen

Christian Schultz,
85, Archer

John V. Sheahan,
89, South Side

Patrick Smith,
86, North Avenue

Carl W. Sundstrom,
80, Transportation

George Thompson,
56, Beverly

George Tysl,
80, Archer

Grace F. Weber,
91, Agents South



Anniversaries

35 Years

Charles Hodges,
Bus Instruction

Lawrence May,
Ashland

Carlos Pitts,
Track Support

30 Years

Thomas Chorak,
Field Support

Richard Clemons,
103rd Street

Webster Dahmer,
Archer Garage

Roman Doubek,
Congress

John Odom,
Bus Inst.

Denis Odonoghue,
Archer Garage

Felix Velinske, Jr.
54th Mtce.

James Williams, Jr.
Central Counting

25 Years

Calvin Armstrong,
Schedules

Curtis Banks,
Lawndale

Ronald Bliss,
Utility

Thomas Chiovino,
No. Park Mtce.

Willie Cooper,
77th Street

Robert Dennis,
Relief/Bus

David Garrison,
Bus Service

Richard Gross,
Safety & Tech

John Harris,
Archer Garage

Riley Holmes, Jr.,
Central Counting

Samuel Janke,
No. Park Garage

Charley Lane,
103rd Street

Mack Lang,
Lawndale Garage

Richard Long,
Bus District C

Otis McDonald,
103rd Street

Ronald Nightengale,
Support Services

John Planthaber,
Harlem Mtce.

Lenear Scott,
103rd Street

Bruce Williams,
Kedzie Garage

Joseph Young,
Bus District C



March Retirees

Allan A. Adamczyk,
Hawthorne, 29 years

James E. Butler,
North Park, 28 years

Betris E. Clark,
Kimball, 26 years

Stephen J. Conway,
Archer, 25 years

George W. Cox,
West Shops, 32 years

Gerald J. Doherty,
North Park, 34 years

Joseph J. Fiszer,
West Shops, 13 years

Bernard T. Gilmore,
West Shops, 25 years

Frank Goudeau,
69th Street, 35 years

Ronald J. Joy,
77th Street, 30 years

Clarence Knox,
O'Hare, 39 years

John H. Lemond,
North Park, 14 years

William E. Payne,
95th Street, 40 years

Guillermo R. Del Rio,
North Park, 12 years

Joseph J. Scaletta,
North Park, 26 years

Jack E. Thomas,
Skokie, 8 years

David Weathington,
77th Street, 25 years

Eugene Wellington,
Kedzie, 28 years

Disability Retirements

Eugene C. Booze,
77th Street, 28 years

Theodore Carter,
77th Street, 23 years

Ronald Cooke,
77th Street, 17 years

Betty J. Dupree,
95th Street, 11 years

Edward T. Dusik,
Engr./ Mtce Fac., 13
years

Raymond Hendricks,
Jr.,
77th Street, 17 years

Darlene J. Martin,
Harlem, 15 years

Carmelo Morales,
Trans/Pers, 15 years

Lillian Shelton,
Forest Glenn, 15 years

April Retirees

Thomas D. Boyle,
Safety, 31 years

Wallace D. Davison,
West Shops, 25 years

Robert J. Gehr,
Lawndale, 25 years

Walter K. Heard,
69th Street, 22 years

Frank Holley,
Congress, 39 years

James J. Lavin,
Police Lia., 16 years

Gardenio Mata,
North Park, 25 years

Disability Retirements

Andres R. Antuna,
Kedzie, 6 years

Edwin L. Howze,
Forest Glen, 21 years

William Love,
Fac/Mtce, So., 19 years

Brenda J. Neely,
Lawndale, 16 years

Thomas J. Mortell,
Douglas, 32 years

James A. Pate,
Genl. Office, 40 years

Thomas Reed,
103rd Street, 34 years

Willie J. Stinson,
South Shops, 10 years

Kenneth Stolz,
Genl. Office, 30 years

Johnnie A. Winston,
103rd Street, 25 years

Lee R. Shack,
Kedzie, 15 years

Robert Watson,
West Section, 12 years

Patricia A. Williams,
Howard, 12 years

Carlos Z. Zapata,
15 years

Homer Reed, ATU 241 Vice President, Dies



Funeral services for **Homer Reed, Jr.**, first vice president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241, were held March 6 at A.A. Raynor Funeral Home. Interment was at Oak Woods cemetery.

Mr. Reed died February 27 at Mercy Hospital following a heart attack which had stricken him as the former bus operator attended the inauguration of Governor Jim Edgar in Springfield.

A native of New Boston, Texas, Reed was born July 11, 1935. He moved to Chicago in 1942 and attended Fuller Elementary and Dunbar High School.

A former Marine, Reed was a member of the Black Trade Union, the Federation of Labor Unions, and the Coalition of

Labor Union Women. He was advisor to the Women's Auxiliary Council of Local 241, and was also a member of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, named for the founder of the Union of Sleeping Car Porters.

Mr. Reed joined CTA on Jan 6, 1958 as a bus operator from North Park garage. He later transferred to 77th Street garage. His 18 years as a union official began in July 1970 when he was elected to the board from North Park. He was elected to a three year term as second vice president in 1984, and was serving a new term as first vice president upon his death.

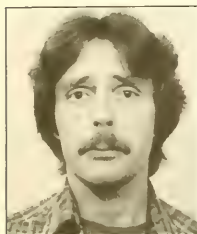
Mr. Reed is survived by his wife, Myrtle; a son, Delbert; three daughters, North Rail ticket agent Fannie Reed, Senda, and Lisa; mother, Ms Fannie Hill; a brother, 103rd Street bus operator **Thomas E. Reed**; a sister, Ms Versie Heard, six grandchildren, and a nephew, Archer bus operator **Odell Reed**.



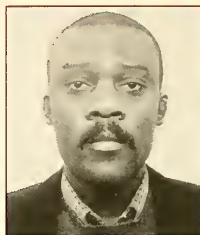
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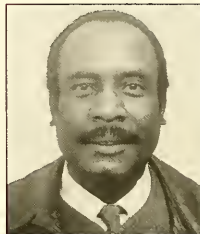
James Gaines (103rd Street garage) is regarded as "a pleasure to ride with" by Addie Hally, of Yates Boulevard. "He greets the passengers (on his No. 95E 93rd-95th bus) with a friendly smile and a 'Good morning.' He is considerate and responsive, especially to elderly riders and young schoolchildren. He waits for the people rushing for the bus that are only a few feet from the bus stop, and he seems to take pride in what he does. His service is appreciated."



Ricky Hogan (Forest Glen garage) won praise from Elizabeth Linkiewicz, of Schubert Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 76 Diversey bus. "When snow, ice or puddles of water fill the bus stop, he stops the bus in a cleared area so people can board or alight safely. And he does it with such kindly grace, which is surely beyond the call of duty. On leaving his bus, all the passengers want to thank him. He should be used as a model for all your bus drivers."



Lenin Bassett (Lawndale garage) was thanked by Winifield Reed, of Maypole Avenue, for "pulling in very close to the curb, enabling me to board the (No. 54 Cicero) bus without getting my feet wet. He was also very pleasant and accommodating. Not being familiar with the area where I was heading, I asked him to call out the street. He called out every one of the stops, and made me feel it was his pleasure to be of service to his riders. I wish there were more like him."



Phillip Stokes Jr. (Limits garage) "made my day," according to Ann MacLachlan, a public relations executive with offices on East Ontario Street. "He greeted people as they got on the (No. 145 Wilson-Michigan Express) bus, and advised them to be cautious as they got off. He was also helpful in conveying such information as 'Last stop to change for the local bus,' and calling regular stops. He even called out, 'Hang on, bumps ahead' as we headed into Lake Shore Drive."

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Anyone who has tried to maneuver the city streets or expressways—whether in a CTA bus, or in a car—doesn't need to be told. This is a lousy summer for traffic.

Bridge work, street resurfacing, expressway improvements all combine to bring rush hours to a crawl. Of course, all this work will make for a better system of roads and expressways, but it will also make for a difficult summer.

This work comes at a time when the CTA is also making a number of improvements on the rail system. The scope of this work is unprecedented. On most weekends, portions of the Ravenswood line, the Skokie Swift, and the entire State Street subway are all closed for repairs. On track work alone, \$50 million is being spent.

What does all this mean for CTA employees?

It means that this summer, more than ever, we are being tested in our dealings with the public. Especially for operating employees on buses, trains, and at ticket booths, this will be a summer of questions and frustrations on the part of passengers.

Summer is also a time when many visitors are coming to Chicago. For many, a ride on a CTA bus or train is a highlight of their trip to the city. The impression that a CTA employee makes on that visitor will shape the visitor's image of the city. We know this because we hear from visitors who are not reluctant to let us know what they think.

This is also a summer when other types of attention will be placed on the CTA, as we seek funding from the state and federal governments. One passenger's bad experience on a bus or train could affect more than just one person's trip.

For all of these reasons, it is important for everyone to remember some common sense tips:

- Be knowledgeable of all service changes and reroutes caused by CTA projects, or other road work.
- Be patient with passengers who may be frustrated by delays that could have nothing to do with the CTA.
- Be willing to go the extra step with someone unfamiliar with the CTA system, or the city.

As anyone who goes through the Red Carpet training already knows, the CTA's image is shaped by what image you, the employees, leave with the passengers.

Make this summer one filled with red carpet service for anyone who comes in contact with the CTA. It will help shape a better image for the CTA, and help fill the farebox. And that, as we all know, is the bottom line.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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Family Fun on CTA's Culture Bus

Take a busman's holiday with your family this summer. Ride CTA's Culture Bus on Sundays or holidays and show your spouse and kids what Chicago and CTA have to offer. Culture Bus takes you to more than three dozen attractions on the North, South and West Sides while a commentator tells you about the city and its history. Buses on all three routes start their trips from in front of the Art Institute, on Michigan Avenue at Adams Street, every half hour from 10:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. for round trips of 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours each. You may stay aboard for the entire trip, or get off at one of the museum stops, since buses are there every thirty minutes to take you on your way.



CTA Employees at Mart To Test Direct Deposit

CTA's Finance Branch expects to make payroll direct deposit available to all employees throughout the Authority early next year, according to **Dan Leffers**, deputy executive director, Finance.

A Bank-at-Work program is already underway for general office employees on a six month test basis effective in June. During the test period, direct deposit is only being provided through First Chicago Bank and its 60 affiliated banks, including the Gary-Wheaton and American National Banks.

Employee participation and the number of banks in the program is being limited so that the

Authority may study the viability of Direct Deposit for all employees as planned. The plan is being implemented by the CTA Treasury Division in conjunction with Accounting Systems and Operations, and Management Information Systems.

Direct Deposit is a very low-cost fringe benefit which has been in effect in most of the Chicago area's major private and public businesses since 1969. CTA employees have been requesting this convenient payroll banking method for several years.

Leffers said the six month pilot study is being conducted to work out any operational and mechanical problems which may exist prior to opening Direct Deposit to all employees at any bank in the Automatic Banking Network in 1992.

He said it was decided to conduct the study using general office employees since only 1,800 personnel are involved, and because the general office payroll is CTA's most difficult payroll. Leffers said CTA chose First Chicago because it has been the Authority's payroll bank for many years, and has extraordinary experience with Direct Deposit.

First Chicago is providing no-cost consulting services to assist CTA in resolving operational difficulties, Leffers said. Participating employees will receive free checking, a free Automatic Teller Machine (Cash Station) card, a no annual fee credit card, discounted travel, and other miscellaneous customer services.

Bus Maintenance Rodeo Event Set

Eligible bus maintenance personnel will compete for berths in the 1991 eighth annual Bus Maintenance Rodeo at Soldier Field's south parking lot Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9.

Like their operator counterparts, maintenance personnel will be required to maneuver a driving course, undergo a bus inspection and take a written mechanical safety test. They will also tackle a power train/transmission problem.

The bus maintenance contest will be conducted simultaneously with the Operations Bus Rodeo. The competition will consist of various maintenance teams with each comprised of three people. Each team goal will be to locate seven programmed bus engine and transmission defects, at least one of which causes a malfunction.

Teams will be given 10 minutes to inspect, troubleshoot, diagnose and record the planted defects; but only defects installed in the power train by maintenance rodeo officials will be valid for scoring. Defects which prevent the engine from starting must also be corrected, and the vehicle must maintain an idle of 600 revolutions per minute.

Employees who wish to serve as judges for the maintenance rodeo should contact the bus maintenance superintendent or supervisor at your local garage.

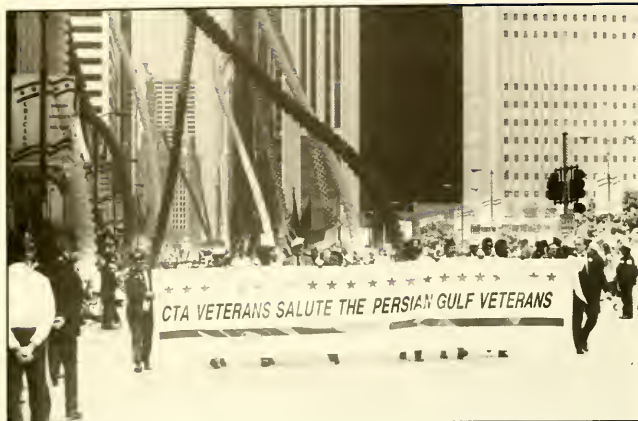
Family members and friends will also have an opportunity to participate in activities planned for them. Included will be an event called "Grand Prix," the driving of a miniature bus on a designated course via remote control.

The bus maintenance rodeo committee is headed by **Michael Hennessy**, Maintenance superintendent at 103rd street garage, and chairman of the International Maintenance rodeo. Helping to promote the event is 77th Street garage light maintenance superintendent **Earl Jones**. The top bus maintenance team this year will represent CTA in the August 16 International Bus Maintenance Rodeo which will be hosted by Chicago.

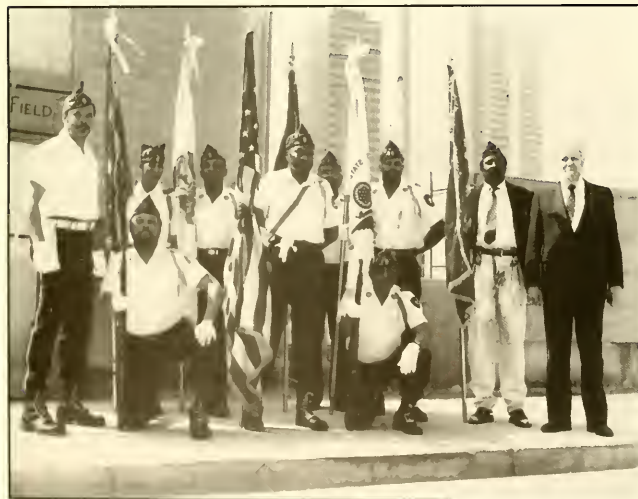
Hennessy said the 1991 Bus Maintenance Rodeo will be the first such event in which heavy maintenance personnel at South Shops will participate.



CTA Veterans March in City's Welcome Home Parade



Star-spangled banners and streamers greeted the thousands of veterans who marched in the Desert Storm Welcome Home parade, where CTA employees were ably represented.



Joining Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage** (right) before the big parade are (left to right standing) **Charles Clark**, instructor, Forest Glen; **Belton Calmes**, a non-CTA member of the Dorie Miller Color Guard; **James Griffin III**, bus operator, 77th Street; **Isaac Clark**, superintendent, Limits; **Andrew Mosley**, retired, Record Section; **Jacques Tillman**, another outside person, and **George Gray**, accounting specialist, Property Accounting. Kneeling are **Fred Lewis** (left), supervisor, "B" District, and **Charles Meredith**, bus operator, 103rd Street.

Thirty-six CTA employee armed forces veterans, some of them members of the active Reserve or National Guard, represented the Chicago Transit Authority as they marched down Michigan Avenue on May 10 in one of the nation's finest tributes to the soldiers, sailors and airmen returning from the Persian Gulf.

Prominent in the CTA unit and deserving of special recognition was the Dorie Miller American Legion Drill team and color guard, led by Forest Glen instructor **Charles Clark**. Resplendent in their American Legion parade uniforms, and strutting proudly in cadence, the team made the CTA veterans stand out in a sea of 30 bands and 12,000 other marchers and dignitaries.

The Dorie Miller Color Guard is named for famed World War II hero **Dorie Miller**, a Navy mess steward who distinguished himself at Pearl Harbor when he took over a ship's gunner position and scored several enemy kills as the island endured an aerial attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Dorie Miller unit and CTA veterans coordinated by CTA Community Relations, marched under a red, white and blue, star spangled banner of the Community Affairs department bearing the slogan, "CTA veterans salute the Persian Gulf veterans." The 30-foot wide banner was designed by the CTA Graphics department. The 600 Dorie Miller American Legion Post membership is comprised of active and retired CTA employees.

Cheers erupted as the CTA unit turned in a sharp "column right" from Wacker Drive onto Michigan Avenue. Confetti and shredded paper lined the streets in their path, and parade watchers waved and yelled their support. Others rushed out to hug some of the CTA vets on parade.

At Congress and Dearborn where the parade ended, CTA marchers high-fived, low-fived, and embraced each other for a job well done. It was a special day which they will always remember.

The occasion is best summed up by the personal observations of some of the CTA veterans. Harlem Shops repairman **Joe Kolek**, who served with SeaBee/Construction Battalion 25, U.S. Navy, called the event "Awesome. Well organized and very well received by the crowds."

"My last parade was a victory fly-over in Germany over Nuremberg in May 1945. Today is a beautiful day," commented **John Keil, Jr.**, a Management Information Systems lead systems



Welcome Home Parade (continued)

analyst who was a 20-year old fighter pilot and first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

"I marched for all the CTA veterans who couldn't be here. It was an honor to represent them," said **Paul Olenski**, director, of CTA's Management Information Systems. Olenski, a veteran of the Vietnam War, was a corporal with the First Force Reconnaissance Company, U.S. Marine Corps. He called the Dorie Miller color guard "outstanding, and squared away."

"Reaction of the crowd was overwhelming to us. It was great to see CTA with a presence at this event," said **George Gray** of the CTA Finance Branch who also marched in the parade. Gray is a former Army specialist who served with a combat engineer unit during the Vietnam War.

Another Vietnam veteran, **David Perez**, director, Facilities Maintenance at Wabash and Roosevelt, said, "I'm proud to be here, proud to march, proud to represent CTA." Perez is a former Army sergeant who served with the Fourth Division, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol.

Combined rail operator **Sharon Bartley** of Howard terminal called it "A very happy day. CTA did itself proud," said Bartley, a specialist with the 73rd Military Intelligence Group, U.S. Army Reserve.

Other CTA veterans who participated in the parade were:

Isaac Clark, and **Donnic Johnson**, of Limits garage; **Beltor J. Culmes**, Archer garage; and **Fred W. Lewis**, Archer District B; **James W. Griffin**, **Maurice Smith**, **Cedric Chaney**, **Bennie Long**, and **Hasi E. Baker**, 77th Street garage.

Representing North Park garage were: **Robert Moyer**, **Romulo Acuna, Jr.**, and **J.T. Maryland**. Other marchers were **David Aguirre**, **Lawndale**; **Charles Meredith**, 103rd Street; **Renie Vargas**, Industrial Engineering, Skokie; **Mario Ochoa**, and **Ellis Kendricks**, Affirmative Action; **Richard Schultz**, Intergovernmental Affairs; **Bertram Mims**, Community Relations; **Mike Hoffert**, Photographic Services; **Wrather Adams**, West Section C; **James P. Connelly**, Finance; **Elvis Wade**, Forest Glen; **Lola Wellington**, 69th Street; **John Kowalski**, Cicero sub station and **Frank Cames**, Kedzie. Among CTA retirees in the parade were: **Maurice Miller**, **Andrew Mosley**, and **Herbert Ligon**.



CTA employees from earlier military campaigns pass Illinois Center on the Michigan Avenue parade route May 10.



Dorie Miller Color Guard members stand tall as they pass the reviewing stand for the parade in front of the Art Institute, where Mayor Richard M. Daley, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Colin Powell and other dignitaries took the salute.



CTA Maintenance team Joined TMC in Roswell on production Line

When Transportation Manufacturing Corporation of Roswell, New Mexico went to work on CTA's order for 491 lift-equipped buses, CTA maintenance and engineering teams set up house in Roswell to facilitate TMC's production and shipment of the new vehicles to Chicago.

A team of CTA engineering and maintenance personnel moved to the TMC plant in 1989 when the manufacturer first built its prototype for Chicago. "We saw the need to work closely with the manufacturer on quality control, so we assigned a 12-man team of our people as inspectors to their New Mexico facility," said **Jim Gebis**, director, Bus Procurement and Engineering.

CTA and TMC are working together for a quality product. "We realize that we are going to have these buses for 12 years, and we're spending \$175,000 for each vehicle. So we want the best. When we're spending that kind of money, certainly we want to be sure we're getting our money's worth; this is why we sent inspectors to Roswell," said Gebis.

He said to do otherwise would be to run the risk of incurring problems which may not surface for four or five years after the warranty on the buses has expired. "That could leave the CTA footing the bill for the cost of repairs. It would also mean a disruption to service which is more inconvenience to CTA riders," Gebis said.

*CTA Maintenance crewmen working at the TMC plant in Roswell, New Mexico were (from left) **Dick Byar, George Holland, Pat Small, Dick Winston**, senior manager, Bus Maintenance; **Gary Ercoli, Jerry Walter, Jim Benda, James Bednar, Howard Warmbold, Tony Stevens, Joe Pila, Gary Kujawa, and Bill Lambert**.*



"Sending CTA engineering and maintenance inspectors to Roswell benefits everybody. Its our way of making sure that the vehicles we're getting meet the standards which we require before they leave the manufacturer, and that saves us time," he said.

"We've got a good team in Roswell working under our equipment technician, **Dick Bryar**, who has been CTA's resident inspector in Roswell for two years," Gebis added. He said other CTA employees have also spent time at the Roswell plant, but said Bryar has been there since the project started.

During the construction process, CTA has had management personnel to oversee inspection of the vehicles in the Roswell plant. Among them were **Frank Venezia**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Procurement; **William Lambert**, unit supervisor, Bus Garages, and, in his former capacity as CTA's senior manager of Bus Maintenance, **Dick Winston** spent three months at the TMC plant where he also supervised quality control inspections. "The war in the Persian Gulf began and ended while we were in Roswell," said Winston, now senior manager of Rail Vehicle Maintenance, recalling the time he spent at TMC.

CTA team in Roswell (continued)

"Our maintenance personnel in Roswell are to be congratulated for the outstanding efforts being given to expediting the delivery of vehicles to Chicago," said Winston. He said the urgency for the buses, which have been somewhat delayed, was heightened by the fact that most buses are generally retired after 12 years of service, yet there are some vehicles in the CTA fleet that are older.

The CTA has received some 317 TMC buses from the Roswell plant, an average of three buses a day. Production problems found earlier by CTA's inspection team have been resolved Gebis said, and delivery of the vehicles is back on schedule. He said the entire order of 491 TMC buses should be completely delivered to CTA this summer.

Meanwhile, CTA also has six inspectors at the Flxible plant in Delaware, Ohio near Columbus where 470 of its buses are in production for CTA. An old established company, Flxible has provided buses for the CTA in the past. "We're just beginning to scrap the 3700 buses manufactured by Flxible, which we have had for over 20 years," said Gebis. The Ohio bus manufacturer is sending the CTA an average of two buses a day, according to Gebis. Some of the new Flxible vehicles are already in CTA service.

When CTA ordered TMC buses three years ago, the order called for vehicles without air conditioners. Since then, the technology and equipment has improved, says Gebis, thus Flxible buses ordered just 18 months ago will provide passengers with air conditioned comfort. Wheelchair riders will also board Flxible buses through the front door which is standard design for Flxible, notes Gebis.

Procurement is having a very busy time as Gebis and his staff hold the reigns of quality control and delivery of new buses. "Normally, we buy no more than 200 buses in a year, but we're buying 961 buses in two years as a result of funding and some very special circumstances," said Gebis.



The wheelchair lift on this TMC bus is thoroughly checked by Tony Stevens

CTA Supports 1991 March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Among the 15,000 people who showed up Sunday, April 28 for Chicago's trek in the national March of Dimes Walk-a-thon on behalf of healthier babies in America were nearly 200 enthusiastic CTA employees.

WalkAmerica 1991 marked the seventh year of participation for CTA, and had the support of employees throughout the Authority. Clad in their best walking shoes and clothing to accommodate a comfortable stride, CTA volunteers began arriving at 7:30 a.m. at Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road for pre-registration and instructions. A continental breakfast was served, and T-shirts bearing the CTA logo was distributed to each participant.

The 18.9-mile march stepped off an hour later from Arvey Field at Columbus Drive and Roosevelt Road, and proceeded north to Montrose Avenue where CTA's Information bus met them and box lunches were given to each individual. At that point, the CTA Trotters, as the Authority's team is known, started the return trip to Arvey Field. Most CTA participants had crossed the finish line by 2:30 p.m. and started to wind down.

Involvement in WalkAmerica by CTA employees is a charitable endeavor that raises money to fight birth defects which claim the lives of more than 40,000 American infants each year. Terry Hocin, director, Advertising and Promotions, said the Authority's participation in this annual activity builds team spirit, and enthusiasm among employees as well as a pride in knowing that the CTA is helping to save a life, or spare pain and suffering.

On hand to provide moral support for the CTA Trotters were Deputy Executive Directors Ernest Sawyer, Administration, and Dan Leffers, Finance; Craig Lang, senior manager, Materials Management; Mark Dundovich, manager, Rail Vehicle Light Maintenance, and Sarah LaBelle, director, Market Analysis and Research.



CTA Trotters lined up and ready to go on the 18.9 mile hike for the March of Dimes. The 1991 WalkAmerica had nearly 200 participants representing the Authority.

CTA WalkAmerica coordinator Joyce A. Shaw said those registering for the event included representatives of Skokie Shops, North Park, and Lawndale garages, the Hawthorne Training facility, and general office personnel. Mrs Shaw said greater participation for 1992 is already being anticipated. In the 1987 walk-a-thon, deemed CTA's best year in the March of Dimes event, 61 employees walked and raised \$10,000 as they solicited sponsors who either pledged money for each mile walked or made specific donations.

Although final figures for 1991 will not be available until the end of July when all pledges are expected to have been tallied, this year's CTA WalkAmerica committee expects to exceed the 1987 success. Prizes for the Authority's top five walkers who raised the most contributions this year will also be presented at that time.

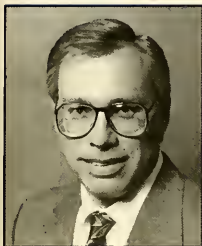
Members of the CTA coordinating committee this year included Anna Kelly, and Kim Johnson, Maintenance; George West, Operations; Olivia Bradley, Capital Development; Diane Mitchell-Bey, and Michael Taylor, Administration; Carol Bowman, Nelson Morales, Robert Bono, Susana Flores, Tawanna McFarland, Sonya Dolton, Nidia Rodriguez, Alicia Parham, Enedina Aranda, and Annie Burgett, Finance; Dianna Caston, Industrial Safety and Special Services, Arnetta Driver, Utility, and Nelson Ghorbanian, of the Medical department.

Plans are already underway for the 1992 WalkAmerica event. Interested employees should contact Mrs Joyce Shaw on extension 3345.



CTA employees arrived at Arvey field with enthusiasm for what promised to be the Authority's most successful contribution to the annual March of Dimes campaign.

New Staff Appointments Announced



Craig M. Lang



Richard N. Winston



Donald J. Sturenfeldt

Three senior staff appointments were announced recently in the maintenance and finance branches.

Craig M. Lang, who recently headed CTA's Rail Vehicle Maintenance Division, has been chosen as senior manager of the Materials Management Division. In his new position Lang is responsible for the Authority's purchasing, which has average annual procurements of approximately \$200 million.

Lang was honored last year as the Chicago area's Outstanding Executive by the Superior Public Service Awards program for his work in improving the Rail Vehicle Maintenance Division.

Richard N. Winston was appointed senior manager of Rail Vehicle Maintenance. Winston has over 20 years of experience in the transit industry and was most recently senior manager of Bus Maintenance for the Authority.

In his new position, Winston will continue improving and increasing rail service reliability. He will also further develop servicing and preventive maintenance techniques of rail vehicles and related equipment.

Donald J. Sturenfeldt was named senior manager, Bus Maintenance. A career transit professional, he was formerly CTA's manager of Bus Heavy Maintenance.

Sturenfeldt rose to his most recent position through the ranks from bus cleaner to mechanic and the foreman's ranks. He has also held positions as superintendent of Support Services and director of maintenance.

In other appointments announced, **Bea Hicks**, was named manager, Rail Personnel, and **William Nichols** was chosen as manager, Rail Service Transportation. Hicks is the former director, Transportation Labor Affairs/Support Services, and Nicholas was director of Rail Personnel.

Transit Appreciation Salutes CTA Employee Performance

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**, and Executive Director **Alfred Savage** commended CTA's operations and maintenance personnel during Transit Appreciation activities on May 20 at the State of Illinois Building. Especially praise worthy were the Authority's accomplishments in safety and on-time performance.

Operating station and maintenance employees representing every location in the Authority were honored at the public ceremony. As the Lane Technical High School band played a medley of patriotic tunes, cheerleaders from the Lakeview High School cheered CTA employees on.

Master of ceremonies **John Drummond**, veteran CBS reporter, took the opportunity to endorse public transportation as "a welcome alternative." Drummond called the CTA, "a good ride at a good price."

Joining the Authority's two top executives to honor employees on this annual occasion were **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations; **David Hillock**, deputy executive director, Maintenance; **Isiah Thomas**, president, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 241; and **James Forte**, ATU, Local 308.



Selected CTA operating and maintenance employees make their way to seating provided for them at the State of Illinois Building for homage during the May 20 Transit Appreciation activities. Lakeview High School cheerleaders stand by to cheer employees on.

Not for Baby Boomers Only Says Disc Jockey Dan Kane



Dan Kane, CTA's Customer Assistance director by day, operates his own D.J. business on weekends. *Transit News* caught up with him at a recent fund raiser for the Mid North Association, a Lincoln Park neighborhood group celebrating its 40th anniversary at Cafe Brauer.

American Band Stand's **Dick Clark**, the great spinner of hot wax for three generations of the bobby socks crowd, may have been the impetus for CTA Customer Assistance director **Dan Kane's** avocation as a disc jockey.

Kane is quickly gaining popularity as a D.J. par excellence.

His 2,000 plus inventory of sounds includes recordings of "oldies but goodies" from big band and popular tunes of the 40's, 50's, and 60's to contemporary music.

Birthday parties, reunions and special events such as CTA retirement feasts for those who have subscribed to his service, have been lively and musically entertaining, thanks to Kane's repertory rack of goodies which he calls "Not for Baby Boomers Only."

When Architectural Engineering department chief **Chris Kalogeras** turned in his drawing board in January after 24 years of CTA service, his farewell party featured such tunes as "Rum and Coca Cola," by the Andrew Sisters, a hit from the 40's almost never heard over the airways these days.

"We have a record collection which we think will suit any occasion," said Kane. His D.J. savoir-faire is evident by the fact that Kane recently added **M.C. Hammer** and other rap "artists" to his collection of hits. "Personally, its not my kind of entertainment, but if I happen to be spinning for a high school crowd, invariably that is what they will want," he said.

The CTA employee of 17 years began spinning records in 1964 for his campus radio

station at Loras College near Dubuque, Iowa where Kane earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Later he joined the staff of AM Radio Station WDBQ in Dubuque.

"We were able to introduce our listening audience to some very old tunes," said Kane. "To attract more advertisers, our evening programming included "Top 40" tunes," added Kane who was also the 1,000 watts station's announcer, news reporter, and commercial copywriter.

"Spinning records on any given occasion may not necessarily be a labor of love, but it sure is a lot of fun," said Kane.

"I don't know if there really is a down side to it, but if there is, it is after we've spent a good hour playing a variety of numbers, and someone will invariably ask, 'When are you going to play some good dance music?' which just proves that people can sometimes really be subjective about what's good music. Still, its a lot of fun," he said.



While CTA's **Dan Kane** was providing the music, Channel Two's **Bill Kurtis** was auctioneer at the Mid North Association fund raiser. Here Kurtis and Kane inspect the association's 40th anniversary cake.



Tour of UBS Laboratories Provides Donor Answers

Some CTA employees who recently donated blood in the jointly sponsored CTA/United Blood Service drive at the Merchandise Mart had questions about what happens to their blood once it is collected.

Clayton McLean, resource program specialist who coordinated the blood drive, toured UBS Laboratories where he got some answers. McLean learned that lab technicians test all the blood they receive for everything anyone could possibly imagine.

Since there is so much concern about HIV virus, technicians screen very carefully for that virus as well as for specific blood type, different kinds of antibodies, unique cell structure, the sickle-cell trait, and so on.

As an example, it was learned that the more pregnancies a female donor has had directly affects the kinds and numbers of antibodies that may be found in her blood. Moreover, a cold or flu also introduces new antibodies to one's system. UBS technicians say antibodies provide information

about what kinds of germs or viruses exist in a person's blood system.

Blood companies such as UBS have had to establish tougher guidelines because the variety of medications which some donors frequently must take, or even a trip to the dentist for a cleaning, could have a negative effect on a donor's blood.

It was further learned that virtually all donated blood is used within eight hours. Laboratory technicians also said six different components which have a variety of uses are found in human blood. Some of these components are stored, and frozen at temperatures up to 83 degrees centigrade for as long as six months before they are used.

The need for blood and blood products in the Chicago area is so acute that area wide contributions comprise only 65 percent of the need; the rest must come from other parts of the country. Much of the blood that is contributed is used for research on various diseases such as AIDS, sickle-cell anemia and other maladies that attack the blood stream.



Staying Healthy

Fat babies are not necessarily healthy babies. Likewise, fat, or obese adults are not necessarily healthy adults. Usually, fat babies become obese adults.

Recent studies indicate that a diet limited in fat and cholesterol should begin in a child by the time it reaches two years of age. Medical authorities believe this would lower the incidence of heart problems which is a major cause of death in adults, according to **Dr. Milton J. Sneider**, CTA medical consultant.

Overweight people should seek medical guidance to accomplish a healthier and happier life style. The remedy for obesity may not always be diet and expensive exercise classes. We all agree that some overweight people have eating disorders which may be influenced by genetic, or environmental conditions. Thus, the treatment of obesity should be on an individual basis.

Such problems as hypertension (high blood pressure), cardiovascular (heart) problems, diabetes, disturbed vision, frequent back and leg pain, to name a few, frequently are the result of obesity. Moreover, statistics show that obese people generally are poor surgical risks. These are all serious health problems which could be avoided provided the individual practices sensible health habits.

While exercise programs are considered good and inexpensive, some diet programs advertised today are very expensive. Your own doctor can better advise you on how to eat sensibly at a very nominal cost. Until you see your family physician, remember that fast foods are generally high in calories.

Kegler Awards Presented



Tony Andrews, director of CTA's individual handicap bowling tournament held at Chicago's Manzo Clearing Bowl, presents trophies to **Cheryl Young** of Harlem Shops who bowled 626 pins, and **Henry Swinivch** of the Duplicating department in the Merchandise Mart who knocked out 659 pins in annual tourney action.



The Archer Bandits, who have made their presence known since 1989, struck swiftly and decisively to become Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241/CTA softball champions. Extending congratulations to the Archer team are ATU Local 241 President **Isiah Thomas** (left), and **Sam Smith** (right), director, Bus Personnel.

CTA's Senior Employee Bob Valerious Retires

When **Bob Valerious** turned in his mechanics tools at South Shops last month, he closed a career of 48 years of service. It was a career which began at 39th and Cottage Grove where he had been a garage time keeper.

A highly regarded mechanic at South Shops, Valerious was a second generation career transit worker who followed in the foot steps of his dad. "Bob Valerious is one of our best mechanics," says **Mike Hennessy**, maintenance superintendent. "He will be missed," he said.

As for Valerious, he has a healthy respect for the co-workers he left behind. "There is a lot of knowledge in the garages," he said. "Valerious said he believes there is enough talent at South Shops that CTA could really build its own buses. 'I've seen a lot and worked with a lot of good people over the years, and I know we have the people and the talent to do this,'" he said.

As for the future, Valerious said "I've been provided with a good pension, but I must find something to do. I simply won't sit for very long."

Meanwhile he plans to divide his time between his south suburban residence in Homewood, and a home in Michigan. "There is much work to be done in both places, so I'll be busy for awhile," he said.

He said the most significant change in public transportation during his career with CTA was the switch from street cars to buses. "What I'd really like to see is a mono rail system in Chicago; I think that would be great. If they can do it in Disneyland, why can't we employ such a system for a city like Chicago," said Valerious who calls himself "a dreamer."

The Valerious family includes his wife, **Barbara**, who is a school principal, and two sons.

Bob Valerious, retiring CTA mechanic, is seated at the controls of this shop cart, a replica of the old streetcar of days gone by. The CTA veteran of 48 years service is flanked (from left) by his mother, **Mrs Sally Valerious**; wife, **Barbara**; and sons, **Jeremy**, and **Robert**.





Transit Memories

One of the least known and most unusual transportation services to be provided by CTA or its predecessors operated almost daily for more than half a century hauling only freight.

In 1900, the Northwestern Elevated Railroad instituted rapid transit service over the north side elevated structure from the Loop to Wilson Avenue.

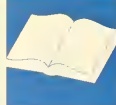
In 1908, "L" service was extended northward to Central Street in Evanston, and later to Linden Avenue in Wilmette over trackage leased from the steam powered Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. The St. Paul (later known as the Milwaukee Road) discontinued passenger service north of Wilson at that time, but continued to provide freight service to numerous customers in both Chicago and Evanston. Most of these were coal and lumber yards, but there was also a meat processing company and several warehouses.

On November 1, 1920, the operation of the freight service was taken over by the "L" which had purchased two 50-ton electric locomotives from Baldwin-Westinghouse for this purpose. Freight cars destined for points along the "L" were received from the St. Paul at the Buena Yard, a small three track facility located in the shadow of the elevated structure at Irving Park Road. Freight movements were normally conducted at night to minimize interference with regular passenger service.

Due in large part to the phasing out of coal in favor of gas or oil for heating purposes, the number of freight customers served dwindled to just one, the Lill Coal Company which was located opposite the Berwyn station. Service to this lone customer continued through April 1973 when only a few carloads of coal were being delivered each week. On April 30, 1973, at 7:30 p.m., the last freight car returned to the Buena Yard, marking the end to what had been the only service of its type to be operated by an urban rapid transit system. The Lill coal yard site is now occupied by a supermarket, and the two electric locomotives were sold to the Toledo Edison Company.



Freight was occasionally handled during the daylight hours as evidenced by this 1960's view taken from the Wilson Avenue shop.



In Memoriam

Stanley J. Barkauskas,
80, South Shops

Donald R. Beard,
87, 77th Street

Raymond R. Burkhardt, Jr.
57, Archer Garage

Austin J. Byrnes,
75, South Shops

William C. Dunn,
68, West Shops

Raymond L. Eggebrecht,
55, South Shops

Fred H. Frieb,
73, Rail West

Donald R. Gierhahn,
60, West Shops

Erven M. Guy,
93, Public Info.

John E. Holly,
92, Devon

Peter J. Hynes,
84, 69th Street

Timothy Kearney,
74, Rail Central

Herbert Lowenstein,
70, Rail Area

Charles McMorrow,
93, Rail South

Sam Mirallego,
73, Rail North

Vincent J. Moore,
82, Claims

Luke Morley,
88, S&E

William H. Oglesby,
79, 77th Street

Arthur R. Olson,
77, North Park

George A. Pedersen,
73, Jefferson Park

Clenter Purnell,
50, Fin. Rptg/Anal

Thomas D. Rawlings,
69, 77th Street

Harry S. Sherlok,
86, Forest Glen

Marvin L. Sikes,
59, North Avenue

Louis M. Traiser,
89, Engineering

Irwin E. Wiesmeyer,
89, S&E



Marcellus Barnes of the 77th Street Repair department, South Shops, has been elected president of the Chicago Police department Fourth District Steering Committee. He was previously recognized by the Police department for his

long standing service. He is also an executive board member of Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 241.



May Retirees

Alfred J. Belligio
South Shops, 4 years

Johnny Bonner, Jr.
77th Street, 26 years

John P. Brennan,
West Rail, 28 years

James L. Briley,
Kedzie, 31 years

Thomas E. Chiovino,
North Park, 25 years

Willie C. Cooper,
77th Street, 25 years

Arthur G. Frazier,
Archer, 39 years

Leon Gaddy,
69th Street, 30 years

Norman A. Jones,
77th Street, 27 years

Terry M. Kent,
West Shops, 28 years

Denis J. O'Donoghue,
Archer, 30 years

John C. Planthaber,
Harlem Shop, 25 years

Carroll C. Porter,
77th Street, 24 years

James L. Quinn,
West Shops, 17 years

Clarence E. Richardson,
69th Street, 16 years

Robert J. Valerious,
77th Street, 48 years

Bruce Williams,
Kedzie, 25 years

Cecil L. Woods,
South Shops, 30 years

Joseph W. Young,
Dist. C, 25 years

Disability Retirements

Maria M. Agnew,
North Park, 13 years

Carmen M. Betances,
Trans. Pers., 12 years

Jose Cancel,
North Park, 17 years

Dorothy Davis,
Trans. Pers., 7 years

Elmer Horvath,
Mangement Svcs,
5 years

**Earnest J. McElwee,
Jr.,**
Kimball, 15 years

Steve Sweda,
West Shops, 6 years

Juris Vitands,
Forest Glen, 24 years

Dennis R. Wallace,
West Shops, 22 years



Anniversaries

35 Years

Luther Gaston,
Revenue Equipment

30 Years

Dominic Demaria,
Rail Dist. West

Thomas Donnelly,
Support Svcs/Bus

Ervin Harmon,
Ashland/61st/95th

Ronald Jareckas,
Machine & Register

Karl Kassal,
Archer Garage

William Miedema,
Support Svcs/Bus

Robert Mulnix,
North Park Garage

25 Years

Vincent Aikens,
North Park Garage

Phillip Auriemma,
Oper Comm & Power

Harbhajan Gakhal,
Archer Mtce

Willie Gregory,
O'Hare Terminal

John Jones,
South Warehouse

Johnny Martin,
103rd Street Garage

Gerald Maruszcz,
Forest Glen Garage

Samuel Moore,
Howard/Kimball

Fred Polk, Jr.
Forest Glen Garage

Derrell Norton,
Forest Glen Garage

James O'Malley,
Rail Janitor Svcs

William Orr,
Central Counting

Francis Payne,
Linden Mtce.

Charles Rimmele,
Administrative Svcs

Edwin Szot,
Archer Garage

Richard Riddle,
Howard/Kimball

James Robinson,
Track Mtce

Terry Short,
Lawndale Mtce

Robert Smith,
77th Street Garage

George Taylor,
103rd Street Garage

Abner Williams,
Service Planning

Otha Williams,
Bus District C

James Zazula,
North Warehouse

Rebecca E. Cousin is Among Who's Who of American Women



Rebecca Elizabeth Cousin, Executive Office Administrator to CTA Executive Director **Alfred Savage**, is included in the 1991-92 volume of *Who's Who of American Women*.

The volume lists the accomplishments of American women in a variety of endeavors from across the nation. Ms Cousin, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, attended Northwestern University and worked as a legal secretary before joining the Chicago Transit Authority as a clerk typist on March 12, 1959.

Ms Cousin was a runner-up in Chicago's 1988

Superior Public Service Award program, and was included among the 1,670 Striving for Excellence honorees at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry last November 3.

"It is an honor to have been selected for inclusion in this year's *Who's Who of American Women*. I don't know who made the nomination, but certainly someone thought enough of me to do so, and I am very grateful," Ms Cousin said.



Commendations



Michael Staples (77th Street garage) was complimented by Dr. Margaret Burroughs, vice president of the Chicago Park District, who was a rider on his No. 3 King Drive bus. "Besides being a very competent and efficient driver, he exhibits a warm, positive personality. He cheerfully and pleasantly called the stops. Passengers entering the bus were greeted with a pleasant 'Good morning,' and upon disembarking, they were given a cheery 'Have a good day.' He started my day off just right, and I thank him for it."



Hudson Black (Limits garage) was commended by Annie Criddel, of East Delaware Place, for his courtesy on a No. 36 Broadway bus. "He greets the passengers with a warm, friendly smile. It is a pleasure going to work when he is driving. No matter what the road conditions, he is always prompt. He is also a cautious and safe driver, and calls out each street to give passengers who are engaged in conversation notification of their upcoming stop. He should be recognized for his punctuality, professionalism and pride."



James Kolstad (69th Street garage) was called "unique bus operator" by Kenneth Mendenka, of South Talman Avenue, because of the way he handled a No. 53A South Pulaski bus. "I have never met a nicer bus operator in my life. This gentleman is the epitome of what a bus operator should be like. In a day when everything is 'rush-rush,' he takes the time to greet each passenger, which I know can make a person's day riding the CTA a great deal more pleasant. I am already looking forward to riding his bus next week."



Tuesday Simpson (Limits garage) was appreciated by Darvia Lawrence, of East 50th Place, who was a rider on her No. 151 Sheridan bus. "She was so thoughtful, kind and considerate. She seemed to enjoy her job. She called out the stops, and was most helpful to all the passengers. It was a rainy, nasty day, but she made it much more bearable. I heard other passengers compliment her, too. She exuded personality and dedication to her job. She made me feel like a human being. I hope to be able to ride with her again."

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Executive's Message

The cloudy financial future facing the Chicago Transit Authority should be no secret to anyone working for the CTA. As I write this, our future funding sources remain uncertain. This creates a feeling of frustration, I'm sure, for all of you who wonder what an individual employee can do about matters seemingly beyond your control.

It is important at times like these not to lose sight of the many ways we can improve our own performance. We can begin by exercising a greater sense of responsibility with our resources. Improved on-time performance, attendance, and better use of our time and talent are some of the ways you can help.

Sharing ideas that make the CTA even more efficient and productive is another positive step. The Human Resources branch administers a special program called "Transit Ideas Pay" or T.I.P. It works like this:

Any employee can submit an idea or suggestion that improves CTA operations and efficiency. If that idea is utilized, both the CTA and the employee gain. The agency gains by saving money, and the employee receives a monetary reward.

One way to bring efficiency is through high-tech innovations that improve our operations. Recently, our Finance branch set a fine example as it unveiled a \$10 million capital investment program to integrate the CTA's purchasing, inventory control, and accounting systems. This system will enable all CTA departments to track the progress of purchases and material requests.

Another way to improve operations is to set high standards for performance. Those high standards are on display again this year at annual competitions like the bus roadeo recently held at Soldier Field, and other contests among rail operating employees, ticket agents, and maintenance workers. The more contestants striving to join the winner's circle, the better the service will be out on the system.

Service also improves when we improve our dealings with the public. Going that extra step, offering that extra attention to a CTA rider is our best marketing tool. If one passenger's trip is made better by the efforts of one CTA employee, everyone benefits.

Other ways an individual employee can make a difference is through special projects. Our rail shop staff at the Skokie shop captured the "Can Do" spirit when they undertook major refurbishing of the 2400 and 2000 series rail cars. This program, accomplished entirely by CTA personnel, is highlighted elsewhere in this issue of Transit News.

These are only a few examples of what is being done, and how one person can make a difference. But there is much more that can be done. Together, we can accomplish a great deal in the struggle to maintain our system despite financial problems. If we pool our efforts for the common good of the CTA and our riding public, the spirit of teamwork never fails.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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CTA's 1991 top bus operator will come from this "Winning Circle 30," the competition's finalists. The winner will be announced at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza awards banquet on August 2.

bottom photo:

CTA buses at Soldier Field's south parking lot were lined up and ready for Bus Roadeo contestants.

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Jeanne Ludmann Recalls 50 Years of CTA Joy



Friends, Co-workers Celebrate Jeanne's 50th Anniversary

Bill Buetow, senior manager, Treasury, treated **Jeanne Ludmann** to lunch at the Palmer House in tribute to her 50 years of faithful service as a CTA employee.

"I've known Jeanne for 32 years," said Buetow, "and in all that time, I don't think I've known a more caring and dedicated, or a more congenial person. The CTA was established on people like Jeanne Ludmann. She is certainly the kind of employee we like to see continue."

Earlier the department had served coffee and cake to well wishers who stopped by the office, including Treasury department retirees **Kay Corcoran**, and **David Munyers** from Palm Desert and San Diego, CA., respectively.

"I really don't know what to say," replied Ludmann, a bit surprised by all the 'ruckus.' "Fifty years of service speaks for itself," said **Jack O'Connor**, manager of Central Counting, who himself has 48 years of CTA service. Besides O'Connor and the Californians, luncheon guests included **Dan Leffers**, deputy executive director, Financial Services; retiree **Dan Perk**, formerly manager of Treasury; **Joe Simonetti**, manager, Revenue Equipment; **Jane McGuan**, director, Treasury Administration; **Mary Ann Jagodzinski**, executive administrative assistant, and **Barbara Parker**, special projects assistant.

The Palmer House French Quarter's atmosphere, the pastel colors of Jeanne's apparel, and the radiant smile that she had for everyone on her anniversary was perfect harmony for a memorable occasion.

Fifty years after she was hired as a typist in the Department of Accident Investigation of the Chicago Surface Lines, **Jeanette "Jeanne" Ludmann** isn't sure she is ready to retire.

Occasionally she thinks about a life of leisure in Florida with friends she has known for decades. "Sure there are plenty of places to go, and people to see, but my heart is here," she said.

"I graduated from high school on June 28, 1941, and three days later I was working for the Chicago Surface Lines at 600 West Washington. Since her first day on the job, Ludmann says she has enjoyed it because she has always had good bosses. "I have worked with a lot of nice people over the years, and I have found the years at CTA very satisfying," she says.

Jeanne is a person who exudes charm. Her smile is perpetual, and her unusual response to a friendly "hello, how are you?" is always the same, "delicious!" She first heard the expression on a radio broadcast many years ago, and since then it has been the manner in which she has greeted co-workers each day. For Ludmann, anything else would be out of character. "My husband had a different expression, but I think mine was better," she said. She was married to the late **Oscar Ludmann**, a CTA civil engineer, for 38 years.

Her career in transit has been an interesting mix from typist, claims clerk, brief writer, and bookkeeper to her present position as cashier coordinator. She was a Saturday relief on the switchboard, and took accident calls until the accident clerk reported. "We started at 8 a.m., worked until 5:30 p.m., and we were here every Saturday," she recalled. In all, Ludmann spent 29 years in the Claims Department.

Changes in the workplace over the years have been legion, but the one Jeanne recalled has perhaps had the most impact on job opportunities. "We had no unions when I started," says Ludmann. "If you wanted to try a different job, you went to the boss and let him know what you were interested in doing. They would try you for the job, and if you got it, the pay increase was \$5 a paycheck. That was it. The section people always had first chance at a new opening before anyone else."

A dollar certainly went a lot further half a century ago, recalls Ludmann. "My first paycheck was \$37.50, and there were no deductions. I bought a powder blue poplin rain coat for only \$5.95, and a pound of cashew nuts. Carfare was seven cents a ride, and steak was 27 cents a pound, nothing like prices now. When I think of what it takes to buy that same raincoat today, I am amazed," she said.

Bus Rodeo and Maintenance Contests Draw Record Entries

Bus Rodeo Finalists Compete for Championship

CTA's top 30 bus operators put their skills on the line in the 1991 Bus Rodeo finals at Soldier Field Saturday, July 13 as competition judges sought to name one contestant the Authority's best operator for 1991.

The winner will be announced at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza banquet on August 2. The Bus Rodeo champion will represent the Authority in the 16th annual American Public Transit Association's (APTA) International Bus Rodeo.

Finalists were: **Robert Richardson**, and **Jesse Chin**, North Park garage; **David James**, **Isaac Price**, **Willie Johnson**, and **Jose Agrela**, Lawndale; **Michael Matas**, **Kenneth Fabian**, and **Larragoity Ray**, Forest Glen; **John Porter**, **Peter Cannella**, **Jessie Wither-spoon**, **Arthur Preston**, **Luther Lewis**, and **James Richardson**, 103rd Street.

Other finalists were: **Henry Harper**, Limits garage; **Alan Wilson**, **Eddie Johnson**, **Richard Jobson**, and **Ted Lingo**, 77th Street; **Louis Bell**, **Earnest Hemphill**, **Leroy Worrell**, and **Ivory Lewis**, Archer; **Milton LeShore**, **Richard Bruce**, **Alfred Williams**, **Isaac Jones**, and **Jonas Barnett**, **Kedzie**, and **Albert Brown**, 69th Street.

The winner of the APTA event will have the coveted honor of being North America's Number One bus operator, and will receive \$1,000 and a trophy; the represented transit property will also receive a trophy. The APTA event will be held Sept 28-Oct 2 in Toronto Ontario, Canada. Top bus operators from transit properties throughout the United States and Canada are expected to compete in the contest.

CTA Bus Rodeo chairman **Charles Hodges** said CTA operators with at least two years of service, and outstanding work records were qualified to enter the local competition. Hodges said more than 500 operators participated this year, the greatest number of contestants ever attracted to the competition in CTA Bus Rodeo history. He said operator skills were tested on 11 maneuvers common in on-street situations. Contestants were given seven minutes to complete the driving course. Each operator was also required to undergo a uniform inspection. The Bus Rodeo chairman said the assistance of employees, retirees and family members who volunteered to serve as judges and to work in various other capacities, helped make the CTA Bus Rodeo a success.

CTA Engineers Design Bus Rodeo Course

Question: Who was the first CTA engineer to lay out an APTA bus rodeo course? The year was 1981.

Answer: It was **Craig Lang**, recently named senior manager, Materials Management. Lang was followed by **Stephen Martin**, and **Kevin Manley**, both of Engineering Maintenance. Currently, civil engineer **Paul Sheridan** is handling the project.

Since deputy executive director **Elonzo Hill**, Operations, became a member of the APTA International Bus Rodeo

committee, it has always been someone from CTA's Capital Planning and Construction Branch's Engineering department who has designed the APTA Rodeo course. The branch is currently headed by Deputy Executive Director **Nuria Fernandez**.

It works like this, **William Thompson**, Operations manager, Instruction gets the course dimensions from the host property which he turns over to Sheridan who designs a course to fit the 11 obstacles of the competition.

Actually, Sheridan designs four different courses, and to assure fair play, one course is selected by the Rodeo committee only two days before the competition. Thus, no one has the advantage of knowing the course on which their contestants will be competing before the event gets underway.

Paul Sheridan (left), confers with surveyors **Calvin Pollard** (center), and **Benny Stubblefield** as they consider a design for the 1991 bus Rodeo course.



"I couldn't begin to get the job done without the able assistance of survey party chief **Calvin Pollard**, and crew members **Eugene Sherrod**, and **Benny Stubblefield**," said Sheridan. The survey crew takes Sheridan's design and fits it to the course at Soldier Field. "All the measurements are well within the tight tolerances set by the APTA guidelines," he said.

Sheridan also credits **Hank Gauthier**, unit supervisor, bus light maintenance at Kedzie garage, with invaluable assistance. Gauthier began working with Sheridan in February. "It is time consuming, but we want it done right," said Gauthier who added, "We're proud of what we do because we know that we're working for the best transit property in the country; besides, we enjoy the event."

Bus Rodeo and Maintenance Contests Draw Record Entries (continued)

Rail Maintenance RoundUp Meets at Rosemont

The seventh annual Rail Vehicle Maintenance RoundUp held June 1 at Rosemont Shop, like similar competitions this year, exceeded all previous contests, according to **Mark Dundovich**, manager, Rail Vehicle Light Maintenance.

Dundovich, a member of the competition committee, said 19-three person teams entered the rail maintenance contest. Each team was comprised of two repairers, and a clerk, or service person. Besides a written examination which tested their general knowledge of maintenance, contestants were drilled on their ability to inspect a vehicle, troubleshoot, identify vehicle parts, and make part changes.

Each member of the winning team will receive a trip for two to the August 13 American Public Transit Association meeting in Toronto Ontario, Canada. Winners will be announced July 26 at the Maintenance Banquet at Chicago's Palmer House.

Dundovich said the day-long activity offered something for spectators as well as contestants. Marketing personnel of the Morrison-Knudsen rail car manufacturing company were at Rosemont during the competition with information about the new rail cars soon to be in CTA's inventory. The CTA Board approved a contract in 1989 for the purchase of 256 rapid transit cars from the Hornell, N.Y. car manufacturer for \$207.7 million. Prototype vehicles are expected to arrive late this fall.

Representatives of General Electric Corporation were also present to demonstrate the micro processor control group on cars 2501 and 2502 of CTA's 2400 series rail cars. The equipment which replaces some switches, also monitors operation, and makes troubleshooting easier. The micro processor control group is being installed in the new 3200 series cars also to be added to CTA's inventory later this year. Rail Vehicle Maintenance RoundUp spectators had an opportunity to see CTA's new touch screen material ordering procedure which was demonstrated by the Materials Management staff.

48 Teams Enter Bus Maintenance Competition

Forty-eight CTA bus maintenance teams, each comprised of three people, were locked in competitive battle June 8-9 at Soldier Field in the eighth annual CTA Bus Maintenance Rodeo.

The maintenance contestants were all vying for the right to represent the Authority in the fourth annual American Public Transit Association Bus Maintenance Rodeo. The APTA event will be hosted by CTA, and will also take place at Soldier Field, August 16-18.

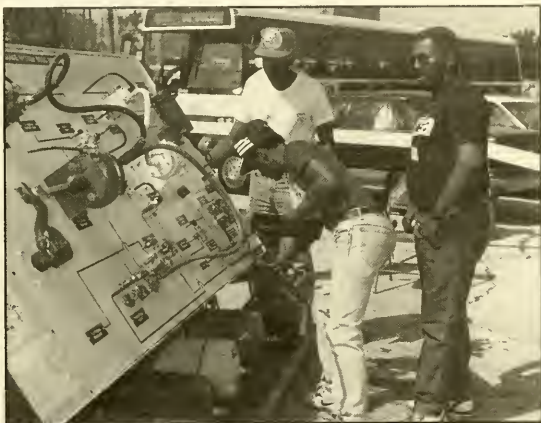
Michael Hennessy, Bus Maintenance Rodeo chairman, said the number of participants in the CTA Bus Maintenance

Rodeo this year is unprecedented. Hennessy who also chairs the APTA event, said 40 first place teams from the United States and Canada are expected in Chicago this summer to compete for APTA's first prize cup and the \$1,000 prize that goes with the Bus Maintenance title of "Best in North America."

The bus maintenance competition included a written examination on theory, and electrical print reading, followed by a bus inspection. Each contestant also had to maneuver 10-obstacles on the driving course.

Behind the scenes, an old scoring method once requiring numerous man hours and loads of supplies, gave way this year to computerized scoring that tabulates results in a matter of minutes.

*Electrician **Ron Adams** (center) attempts to troubleshoot the air board for system malfunctions as teammate **Kenny Williams** (right), a mechanic, waits his turn. **Aaron Morris** (left), also a mechanic, is an observer.*



South Shops personnel organized several activities of interest to children, from rides around the area in CTA's miniature buses, to giving away helium filled balloons.

Children indulged themselves in several games made by South Shop workers. A game which seemed most popular was a remote controlled, miniature bus rodeo obstacle course created by carpenter **Richard Marron**. The model bus used on the course was made by carpenters **Dan Chorak** and tinnners **Mike Alleva**, and **Dan Marrera**.

Hot weather, as everyone has experienced, frequently means electrical blackouts, and it means having to conserve energy when the demand for it is greatest.

Last July when the city was hit by two major power failures on the West Side of town, CTA patrons loss no time at all because public transportation kept moving in spite of the blackout.

Executive Director Alfred Savage said then that keeping CTA service going when all else fails is what is expected of us even though it may take a lot of effort. CTA does keep public transportation going no matter what happens, thanks to Power and Way, a primary energy source with headquarters at West Shops.

Although CTA is dependent upon Commonwealth Edison as its source of power for rapid transit service, we are not completely paralyzed by emergencies, thanks to the 42 CTA owned substations maintained by Power and Way. These substations energize the 223.2 miles of track over which our trains operate and move an estimated 500,000 riders each day.

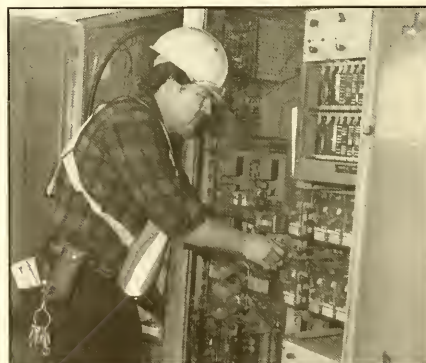
The 600 volt source of energy is used to power rapid transit cars as well as to light some of CTA's older rapid transit stations. Moreover, CTA electrical linemen maintain the feeder cables and third rail that carry the 600 volts. Radio controlled third rail heaters are also activated through Power and Way distribution to prevent rail line freeze in winter sleet storms.

Birnest Hicks, director, Communications/ System Maintenance for Power and Way, said CTA substations receive 13,000 volts of alternating current from Commonwealth Edison and transforms and rectifies that energy into 600 volts of direct current which is used to energize the rapid transit lines. The City of Chicago relies on CTA substations and CTA Power and Way maintenance personnel to provide 600 volt power to the miles of underground cable in Chicago's Loop which is used to operate many city bridges.

Hicks and his crew are responsible for the operation and maintenance of substations, portable radios, telephones, security systems, public address systems, and intercoms, as well



*Lineman **John Christ** assembles cable taps used for power feed on the third rail.*



*Signal helper **Jesus Martin** checks fuse box on the structure at Harding Avenue and Lake Street along the West-South rapid transit line.*



*Technician **Regina Elder** checks and repairs radios and other communication equipment.*



Lineman **Frank Andriacchi** disassembles insulation used between ties and the third rail.



Electrician **Ken Swindell** checks a circuit breaker which changes alternating current to the direct current needed for energizing rapid transit lines.

as special engineering projects. Hicks said that there are four other areas just as vital as his which make up Power and Way, and said that they work as a close knit team to keep the system moving.

Another section of Power and Way as essential as Communications and System Maintenance is the Signal section.

This section installs and maintains "way-side and carborne" signal equipment which allows for safe reliable train movement throughout the rapid transit system.

The Track section is responsible for the proper alignment and condition of the rapid transit running rails as well as the ties and ballast that support them. Trained trackmen walk the entire rapid transit right-of-way twice weekly, looking for any possible defects to the ties or rail which might impede the safe operation of train movement. The trackmen stay alert for loose bolts, missing spikes, shrinking or expanding rail, or any other defect that could possibly cause a delay to service.

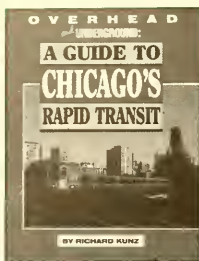
The Power and Way Structure section conducts major repairs to CTA's 100 year old structure, says Hicks. Structure ironworkers are working hard to repair the many defects to the rapid transit structure. Meanwhile, structural engineers are out daily inspecting the structure and looking for defects which, when discovered, are prioritized, and assigned to a crew of ironworkers to be repaired.

"If there is a problem with the right-of-way, or 600 volt power distribution, regardless of the weather, time of day, or the day of the week," said Hicks, "you can bet Power and Way will soon be there to solve the problems."

The Power and Way Maintenance organization is comprised of Senior Manager Roy Smith, Manager Jim Johnson, and five directors; Birnest Hicks, Communications/ Systems Maintenance; Roy Stonecipher, Signal; Thomas Staunton, Track; Chris Fugger, Power Distribution; and Milan Velebit, acting director.



New Transit Guide Traces City's Rich Rail History



the rich history of rapid transit from the South Side Elevated Railway Company through the acquisition of the Chicago Rapid Transit company in 1947 by the Chicago Transit Authority.

Kunz says "One really can sightsee Chicago by rapid transit because a greater proportion of

Many books have celebrated Chicago's pre-eminent place as a railroad center, but few have focused on the city's internal transportation system.

Overhead and Underground: A Guide to Chicago's Rapid Transit by Richard Kunz, is such a publication. It traces

the system is "outdoors" than on the continent's other mature metros. In fact, only two of Chicago's six routes have subway portions. Collectively, the system contacts all sectors of the city except the southwest side (an omission which will be remedied in 1993) and the far south side; seven north and west separate municipalities are also served."

For more than a half century electric streetcars were the prime movers of Chicagoans. Transit enthusiasts browsing through this book will relive the Chicago of yesteryear when clanging trolleys rumbled down Chicago streets. This 48-page publication is packed with information from cover to cover on every aspect of the city's transportation system. Kunz discusses everything from rapid transit cars to routes, operations, structures, stations, and terminal facilities.

He complements his text with more than 60 photographs, a half dozen maps and a few tables. Overhead and Underground is dedicated to CTA retiree and former General Manager **George Krambles**, whose research Kunz acknowledges. He also acknowledges the assistance of specialized research provided by management analyst **Bruce Moffat** of Capital Development.

The book is the joint effort of author Richard Kunz, Andover Junction Publications of New Jersey, and Zephyr Graphics and Editorial of Wisconsin. Copies of this book are available from Information Services, Room 779, Merchandise Mart. Employees who wish to take advantage of the special CTA discount price of \$12.00 may bring the payment to the CTA cashier, or mail a money order, a cashier's check, or a certified check made payable to the Chicago Transit Authority, and addressed to CTA's Director of Information Services, Room 779, Merchandise Mart. The book will be mailed through the CTA mail upon receipt of payment.

CTA Takes Softball League Championship

CTA's Industrial softball team earned the 1991 Grant Park Men's Softball League championship with a 12-0 record. The league played its final game of the season July 3.

The team, comprised of players from 14 CTA work locations, was in competition with softball teams representing seven other Chicago business and industrial organizations.

CTA's closest competitor, R.R. Donnelly and Sons, finished in second place with a record of 9-3, and Reliable Corporation placed third with 8-4. Other teams in the league were Midwest Stock Exchange, United Insurance, Merrill Lynch, TJS, Inc., and American National Bank.

"We gave it all we had whenever we were on the field, and it has paid off handsomely. We always said a little prayer before each game, and I think that has a lot to do with our record this year," said **Jim Price**, team manager. "This is the best season we have had in the 14 years CTA has participated in this league. It is one we'd certainly like to repeat." Price, of Operations Technical Services, said

CTA team members appreciate the support received from CTA management and, from employees who were at Grant Park each Wednesday afternoon to cheer them on.

The CTA team included Eddie Watkins, Limits Instruction; Larry McNeil, Roy Bailey, and Ken Bell, 54th Street terminal; Sam Ellis, Purchasing; Larry Opiela, Accounting Systems Operations; Don Smith, and Walter "Dusty" Lewis, North Park garage; Ellis Kendricks, Affirmative Action; Joe Jackson, and Mike Ester, Kedzie garage; James Terry, and Joe Milbrook, Schedules; Gary Rubenstein, Program Control; Ed Chorak, Grant Accounting; Maurice Martin, Harlem terminal; Jim Fionto, Planning, Marketing and Development; Lamar "Juice" Springs, Lawndale, and Daryl West, 69th Street garage.

Flag Football League Starts Soon

Employees interested in participating in the 1991-92 flag football league should contact **Angel Ramirez**, league president and coordinator, at Kimball terminal, 534-3434.

Ramirez said the league had six teams last year, and would like to expand its participation. The new season begins in mid-September, Ramirez said.

SPSA Luncheon Honors Seven CTA Employees

Elonzo Hill, CTA's deputy executive director of Operations, and **Thomas Czech**, senior manager, Personnel Administration, were the 1991 recipients of the City's prestigious Superior Public Service Award.

Hill and Czech were honored as Outstanding Executive Employee and Outstanding General Service Employee, respectively, at the 23rd Annual Superior Public Service Awards luncheon held at the Palmer House on June 20.

Five other CTA employees were honored as finalist in various categories. They were: General Attorney **William Farley**, Executive category; **William Thompson**, manager of instruction; Public Safety category; North Park chief clerk **Perry Mamon**, Clerical category; EEO service equity coordinator **Ellis Kendricks**, Professional category, and rail instructor **Frank Peppers**, Education category.

Hill who has been a CTA employee for 30 years, began his career as a bus operator and succeeded through the ranks of the Transportation department to his present position. He was honored with the Superior Public Service Award for his guidance in directing more than 8,000 CTA employees who safely provide nearly 570 million passenger trips each year.

Thomas Czech has been a CTA employee for 20 years. He began his career as a field audit clerk, and joined the Human Resources Branch as a personnel analyst in March, 1975. Subsequently he progressed through several positions to his present responsibility. He was honored with the Superior Public Service Award for his role in developing an applicant tracking system, and for his participation in numerous anti-drug presentations and programs.

Superior Public Service Award winners and finalists are selected each year from among some 40,000 employees of the City of Chicago, the Chicago Housing Authority, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Education, City Colleges, the Chicago Park District, and the Chicago Transit Authority.



Displaying the awards presented them at the city's 23rd annual Superior Public Service Awards luncheon are (from left) **Ellis Kendricks**, EEO service equity coordinator; **Perry Mamon**, chief clerk, North Park; **Thomas Czech**, senior manager, Human Resources; **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations; **William Farley**, CTA general attorney, and **William Thompson**, manager of Instruction, Operations.

MDT Asks Colleges For Free On-Site English Classes

Grammar and punctuation are skills that we always need, notes Management Development and Training coordinator **Collette Zogg**, a former English teacher. Ms Zogg said MDT is working with Chicago city colleges and other institutions to provide opportunities for free on-site classes to CTA employees.

MDT Superintendent **Mary Ann Bridges** said improving communication skills is just one of the educational opportunities offered this summer for the benefit of employees seeking skills improvement. Ms Bridges said MDT will also host "Learning to Get Ahead," an Education/Career fair planned for 103rd Street garage on August 15 from 7 a.m. until noon.

Olive-Harvey College, located near the south side garage, has offered to provide classes at a CTA location. Similar agreements with other colleges on the north and west sides are also being discussed, Ms Bridges said.

Employees who need tuition aid assistance should contact program coordinator **Brian Marshall** on extension 3572. Marshall said the program has assisted over 300 employees enrolled in classes at various institutions this year.

Chairman Burrus Named to Finance Association

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** has been named an honorary life member of the Government Finance Officers Association after being nominated by CTA Treasurer **Anthony M. Mandolini**.

The association which has its headquarters in Chicago, has a membership of more than 12,000 local, state and provincial government finance officers as well as persons responsible for financial policy decisions in governmental units, public employee retirement systems, and various special districts.

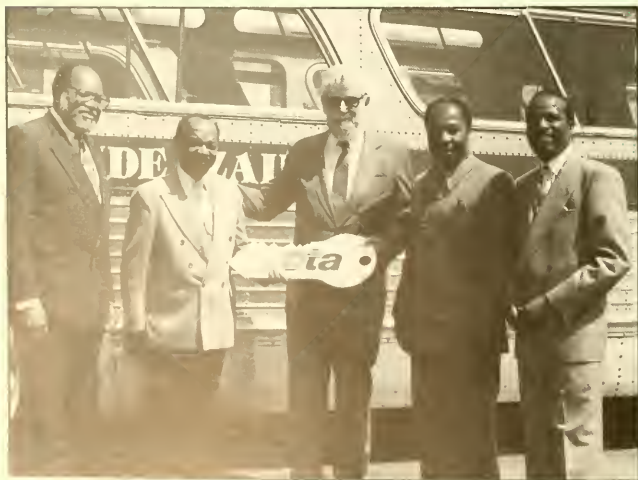
Chairman Burrus is senior vice president of the First National Bank of Chicago, and has served as president of the Government Finance Officers Association. He served as comptroller of the City of Chicago from 1973 to 1979, and was an employee of the city for 26 years.

Besides holding chairmanship of the CTA Board, and the CTA Pension Fund, Burrus is a member of the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority. He has served on the transition committees of five Chicago mayors, and has been a member of the Chicago Board of Education, president of the Chicago Pension Board, chairman of the Investment Committee of the Firemen's Pension Fund, and chairman of the Cook County Revenue Study Commission.



CTA Board Chairman **Clark Burrus** holds the Government Finance Officers Association honorary life membership plaque presented to him by **Jeff Esser** (left), GFOA executive director. **Anthony Mandolini** (right), CTA treasurer, nominated Chairman Burrus for the honor.

Republic of Zaire Buys 10 CTA Buses



The CTA Transit Board has authorized the sale of 10 buses to the Republic of Zaire.

CTA retires buses from service after they have reached the end of their useful operational life cycle. The Republic of Zaire requested the buses to provide public transportation to residents of the Zairean capital city of Kinshasa. The buses were sold for a nominal fee and the Republic will arrange and pay for shipping.

The First Africa Corporation, a Chicago based international trade and financial agency, served as liaison for the Republic. State Senator Howard B. Brookins (D-18), and his staff were instrumental in paving the way for the CTA Board ordinance.

Accepting a symbolic ignition key to buses sold to the Republic of Zaire are (L-R) E. Edward Davis, president and chief executive officer, First Africa Corporation; Charles Marble, administrative assistant to Senator Brookins; **Alfred H. Savage**, CTA executive director; Bossekota W'Atshia, special economic adviser to the President of the Republic of Zaire, and Prince Asiel Ben Israel, chairman, First Africa Corporation.

West Shops Welcomes Returning Veterans



Returning Operation Desert Storm veterans (from left) electrician **Tom Smith** and welder **Bill Haskell**, hold plaques presented to them by their West Shops co-workers. They are flanked by Deputy Executive Director of Maintenance **David Hillock** (left), and Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.

When electrician **Tom Smith**, and welder **Bill Haskell** finished their supporting roles in Operation Desert Storm, they returned to their jobs at West Shops, and were greeted enthusiastically by their co-workers.

Smith and Haskell received special recognition at a West Shops open house and were presented with special plaques to welcome their return. Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage** joined Deputy Executive Director **David Hillock**, of Maintenance and **Roy Smith**, senior manager, Facilities Maintenance, in expressing appreciation for the patriotism and dedicated military service of the two men.

Smith, who works in the Substation department, is a U.S. Marine Reservist and has been a CTA employee for eight years. He was called to active U.S. Marine service on November 20, and arrived in Saudia Arabia on New Year's Eve. His unit was assigned as a security force for ammunition supply points and air fields. Smith returned to the United States on April 27.

Haskell, of the West Shops Machinist area, has been a CTA employee for 28 years. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, and was called to active duty on January 20. He spent two and a half months at Fort McClellan, Alabama where he was a chemical warfare instructor. Haskell was relieved of active duty on April 5.



Staying Healthy

Diabetes is a chronic disease resulting from an unstable interaction of genetic, and sometimes environmental factors that affects the production, or use of insulin.

Dr Milton J. Sneider, CTA medical consultant, said insulin is a hormone which the body needs to break down food and turn it into glucose (sugar), the body's fuel.

There are two types of diabetes which affects approximately 15 million people in the United States. Type One is juvenile diabetes, a serious disorder that generally causes the body to stop producing insulin. Type One diabetes usually occurs before age 40, and must be controlled with daily insulin. The disease is sometimes triggered in children by a viral infection.

Type Two diabetes is adult onset and affects older, and usually overweight people. It is generally more common and it affects the body's use rather than the production of insulin. This type of diabetes can usually be controlled with diet, exercise, or oral medication.

The symptoms of type One diabetes are thirst, frequent urination, weight loss, hunger, visual problems, changes in personality, slow healing of cuts and bruises, frequent skin infections, or itchy skin, tingling of the feet or fingers, or numbness in the legs.

Tingling symptoms are also present in the adult diabetic individual. Other complications might include leg pains, heart attack, kidney disease, or eye damage. People over 40 who are overweight increase their risk of diabetes. Doctor Sneider said by age 60, one in 10 Americans is diabetic. Moreover, he said diabetics are twice as likely to develop high blood pressure.

Anyone who believes they might have diabetes should see a doctor, or contact the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, (312) 670-0313.

Five M.I.S. Employees Join Black Data Processing Assoc.

Six CTA Management Information Systems employees are active members of the Chicago Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates. They are **J. Al Wilson, Jr.**, **Fred Collins**, **Glenella Johnson**, **Licia Knight**, **Robert Julun.**, and **Rodney Newberry**.

Black Data Processing Associates provides a vehicle for minorities who wish to participate in local and national developments in the information processing industry. The organization has national business and industry sponsorship. The Chicago Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates recently adopted the Beethoven Elementary School on the city's South Side and obtained eight personal computers for use by Beethoven's students and faculty. Since 1988, the Chicago Chapter Computer Competition team of high school students has also participated and finished second or third in the Chicago Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates' annual computer competition. As a direct result of BDPA's involvement with these students, the members of four high school computer competition teams are now enrolled in computer science programs at various colleges and universities.

Refurbished Rail Cars Better than Originals

Imagine that the family car to which you now hold the title is beginning to show definite signs of aging, and the possibility of having to replace it looms heavy with a cold, hard impact on your budget.

If you had the option of having skilled craftsmen with proven ability overhaul your car from dashboard to trunk which not only would net you thousands of dollars in savings, but would actually give you a better car than you owned at first, you would probably take the option.

This is precisely what CTA is doing with 194 of the 2400 series rapid transit cars in its inventory. The vehicles are presently undergoing major refurbishing at Skokie Shop. Richard Juvinal, manager, Rail Vehicle Heavy Maintenance, and Frank Vukovics, director of Rail Shops, are presiding over the two capital project. To move things along as quickly as possible, Juvinal said additional skilled craftsmen have been hired, many of them on a temporary basis, so that Skokie Shop can meet its demands of the project.

Carpenters, electricians, machinists, painters, and other craft people are busy undressing and redressing the 2400 series rail cars in such meticulous fashion that the refurbished

cars are, in many ways, better than when they were delivered new. Some of the improvements include redesigned truck cabling, electrical system improvements, new gear boxes, and new public address amplifiers, as well as accommodations for wheelchairs.

Some modifications to the 2400 series rail cars will be obvious to the riding public while others may not, according to Juvinal. "We're not just rebuilding them, we're upgrading them," he said. Besides cars that look and ride better, Juvinal said the planned overhaul maintenance of these rail cars means that service delays and other problems will be avoided before they occur.

The 2400 series cars were built by the Boeing-Vertol Company between 1977 and 1978. "According to the Urban Mass Transit Association (UMTA), these cars should be serviceable for at least 25 years, and it's time for a mid-life rehabilitation program," said Juvinal who also said he hopes to get at least 35 years of service from each of the vehicles.

Skokie crews are currently working on the first group of 40 of the 2400 series cars at a production rate of four cars per month. The average cost for Skokie Shop to rehabilitate a

2400 series rail car is \$165,000 per car. The cost of a new 3200 series rail car, on the other hand, is approximately \$811,000. Meanwhile, a second major overhaul program is also underway at Skokie Shop to rehabilitate the 2000 series Pullman manufactured rail cars. These cars were built in 1964 and were CTA's first fleet of high performance rail cars.

Skokie Shop personnel are gutting the interior of these cars and replacing the entire floor. Other major assemblies, such as the trucks, doors and electrical systems are also inspected and overhauled. The job is completed with a fresh coat of paint and a thorough cleaning at a total cost of about \$80,000 per car. Juvinal said that the program gives the public reliable, comfortable, air conditioned cars which are also pleasing to the eye.

Truckman Paul Didier is busy overhauling this 2400 truck body at his bench.



Final Standings 1990-91 77th Street Operators Bowling League

Team	Won	Lost	Top 12	Individual Bowlers
1. Pinbusters	68	37	1.	Billy T 196.64
2. Friday's Trouble	66.5	38.5	2.	Levi 191.95
3. Hitters	60	45	3.	R.Thompson 191.38
4. Golden Arms	55	50	4.	Gipson (Gip) 191.36
5. Roadrunners	55	50	5.	Levon 189.86
			6.	Ken 188.46
6. 700 Club	52	53	7.	L.Samuels 187.68
7. Hot Rodders	50	55	8.	Prince 186.10
8. New Rookies	49	56	9.	Stewart 181.77
9. Tigers	47.5	57.5	10.	Hicks 181.63
10. Archer Bandits	47.5	57.5	11.	Whip 181.61
11. Fireballs	43.5	61.5	12.	Kemp 180.95
12. Thunderballs	35	70		

High Team Game Scratch
Friday's Trouble 1108

High Team Game Handicap
Roadrunner 1114

High Team Series Scratch
Friday's Trouble 3139

High Team Series Handicap
Hitters 3116

High Ind. Game Scratch
Ron Thompson 278

High Ind. Game Handicap
Bob Williams 278

High Ind. Series Scratch
Emery Gipson 719

High Ind. Series Handicap
Giles 724

Most improved bowler for the 1990-91 season is **Jerry Furlines** of the 700 Club with plus 10 pins.



Bus repairman **Paul F. Ruebe**, an avid gardner, nurtures vegetation which he and fellow repairman **Michael Kouba**, and assistant maintenance foreman **Dominic Nicosia** planted in the atrium of the 103rd Street bus garage. The three pooled their resources and spent long hours after work attending to the beautification project which included planting trees in the outside area, and erecting bird houses nearby. The gardening partners said they wanted a pleasant environment in which to work, and a pleasing sight to greet the public during business at the garage.



Transit Memories

Propane Buses a Mainstay for 25 Years

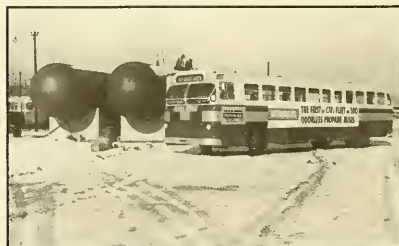
Buses powered with liquified propane gas constituted a sizable portion of CTA's vehicle fleet for more than a quarter of a century. Ultimately, 1700 of these vehicles, built to several body designs by Mack, AC-Brill, and Twin Coach (later Flxible), served CTA riders on routes throughout the city.

The decision to use the smokeless, odorless propane fuel was made not long after the 1947 absorption of the Chicago Surface Lines routes and was primarily based on economics. In the late 1940's, propane, compared to diesel and gasoline, was an inexpensive surplus fuel. Its high octane rating permitted higher compression ratios which resulted in increased horse power. Moreover, the visible exhaust smoke and the objectionable exhaust odors were completely eliminated.

In 1950, CTA took delivery of 500 propane gas buses from the Twin Coach Company. This first group was numbered in the 5000-5499 series, and could seat 51 passengers. These buses proved to be an immediate operating success, setting the pattern for the conversion of much of the city's streetcar system.

CTA's last group of propane buses was built by Flxible in 1963 and numbered in the 8700-8849 series. These were the only units to have the "new look" body design which was also used on the diesel buses.

By the early 1970's, the economic advantages of propane powered vehicles had disappeared. In addition, the unavailability of replacement parts and improved engines made the continued use of propane fuel impractical, thus the last CTA propane buses were retired in 1976.



The first of a fleet of 500 buses in the 5000-series liquified propane gas vehicles is delivered to North Park garage during the winter of 1950-51.



In Memoriam

Vito Agostino,
90, Const/Mtce

Harvey J. Becker,
69, North Avenue

George E. Bigby,
87, Investigations

Leonard Brezek,
79, District A

William Byrd,
76, Archer

Bernard J. Callahan,
92, S&E

Leonard J. Calus,
76, Transportation

Salvatore Damiano,
85, Skokie

Mary A. Cleary,
80, Accounting

James J. Damico,
83, Skokie

George Demco,
82, North Section

Patrick M. Flanagan,
87, South Side

Charlie J. Florence,
66, O'Hare

John Floyd,
84, Limits

Martin Flynn,
86, South Shops

Fred E. Fuqua,
65, South Section

Leslie Gaskill,
83, Kedzie

Herman Goldman,
70, Forest Glen

John W. Guinee,
58, Beverly

Philip E. Huebsch,
84, District D

Doris D. Johnson,
90, North Section

Robert J. Johnson,
68, North Park

Harvey Jones,
60, Central Inst Dist.

Edward J. Kelly,
82, Kedzie

Sahay K. Kishore,
48, Howard

Raymond H. Kramer,
72, 69th Street

Constantine Lambros,
70, Kimball

Greene Love, Jr.,
46, DesPlaines

Victor E. Marino,
83, 77th Street

Patrick McDonnell,
89, S&E

John H. McGhee,
67, Lawndale

William J. McGovern,
82, Stores

Frank A. McKiernan
93, Kedzie

Michael G. Murphy,
77, Skokie

James Nasti,
83, West Section

William F. Naughton,
86, North Avenue

Hilton Nichols,
86, 52nd Street

George A. Olszewski,
82, S&E

William Ravizee,
75, Materials Mgmt.

Robert J. Ready,
68, Kedzie

Willie P. Rielly,
78, West Side

Casimir Strzynski,
67, South Shops

Leo R. Tauchen,
89, 77th Street

Henry A. Thiede,
74, Forest Glen

Ezra Treece,
92, Kimball

Charles W. Warren,
84, Kedzie



July Retirees

Lino M. Casagrande,
West Shops, 14 years

Patrick J. Clifford,
Gen. Office, 40 years

Luis A. Flores,
No. Park, 17 years

Edward R. Jackson,
DesPlaines, 25 years

John P. Jones,
So. Stores, 25 years

Lawrence L. May,
95th Street, 35 years

Adele M. Monson,
Gen. Office, 40 years

Redus Moore,
Mad/Wabash, 34 years

Ardis Morris,
Congress, 39 years

Michael Murphy,
West Shops, 3 years

Marsha M. Powell,
Douglas, 20 years

Petros J. Retsof,
Mad/Wabash, 21 years

Cleveland Robertson,
77th Street, 24 years

Willard Willette,
103rd Street, 26 years

Donald R. Yabush,
Gen. Office, 17 years

Rudolph M. Zepeda,
Gen. Office, 16 years

Disability Retirements

Robert G. Budz,
Fac. Engr/Mtce, 5 years

Thomas B. Canning,
Fin./Treasury, 8 years

James W. Cockrell,
Trans./Pers., 18 years

Sam M. Costabile,
Fac. Eng/Mtce, 18 years

James Gardner,
Trans./Pers., 13 years

Richard C. Kroll,
Trans./Pers, 17 years

Earl McCaskill,
West Shops, 20 years

Willena J. Pierson,
Trans/Pers, 12 years

Alice D. Richman,
Trans/Pers, 14 years

William C. Rosenberg,
Trans/Pers, 12 years

Health Coverage Offered Spouses Of Deceased Retirees

A recent change in CTA's Retirement plan provides for the extension of health insurance coverage to surviving spouses of all deceased CTA retirees.

Coverage is provided under the Group Hospital Surgical Major Medical Plan, the complement to the Medicare Plan, or a Health Maintenance Organization. To receive the coverage, the spouse of a deceased retiree must complete the necessary forms and pay the monthly premium.

The CTA Retirement Plan office at 221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2026, wants to hear from individuals who are eligible for health insurance coverage under this new provision. Telephone inquiries are being taken at 1-312-444-9694.



June Anniversaries

45 Years

Harry Hawke,
Skokie

35 Years

L. Hampton,
Bus Pers/South

30 Years

James Alexander,
Bus District A

Sam Caccitolo,
Forest Glen

Arthur Filip,
O'Hare

Milton Gaylord,
Forest Glen

Daniel Hammond,
Signal/Comm

James Lewis,
North Park

Louis Maestre,
69th Street

William Millar,
Support Shops

Jerry Thomas,
Ashland/61st/95th

Carl White, Jr.,
Rail/South

25 Years

James Brown,
Agents/West

James Cockrell,
Douglas/Congress

Daniel Costley,
Bus light Mtce

Harmon Fisher,
Kedzie

Lewis Griffith,
Ashland/61st/95th

Francis Higgins,
103rd Street Mtce

Walter Kenerson,
103rd Street

Melvin Little, Jr.,
North Park

Kathleen Lyckberg,
Mgmt Services

Melvin McIntosh,
Support Svcs/Rail

McArthur Morgan,
Rail Janitor Svcs

Daniel Pate,
103rd Street

James Patterson,
Schedules

William Pravda,
Tire Insp. Center

George Reed,
69th Street

Leon Ruth,
Schedules

Jesse Stoudmire, Jr.,
Howard/Kimball

Ronald Tuck,
Instruction

Charles Turner,
103rd Street

Edward Wallace,
Rail District/North

Elton Williams,
Howard/Kimball



July Anniversaries

50 Years

Jeanette Ludmann,
Finance

45 Years

Lois Jahnke,
Finance

40 Years

Edward Reaux,
Opers Comm & Power

35 Years

Jonas Barnett,
Kedzie

Mary Donohoe,
Agents/North

James Doss,
103rd Street

Donald Grant,
Archer

Douglas Price,
Kedzie

Willie Satterfield,
Lawndale

Donald Willingham,
Lawndale

30 Years

Richard Bryar,
Bus Equip Eng.

Walter Collins,
Howard/Kimball

Isaac Dean,
Bus Instruction

Gerald Guth,
Signal/Comm

Elonzo Hill,
Operations

Carl Meyer,
Opers Comm & Power

David Moore,
Ashland/61st/95th

Gerald Mroz,
Internal Audit

James Rizzuto,
Support Svcs/Bus

Paul Sundblad,
South Shops

Edward Willis,
Bus Instruction

25 Years

Hartford Archie,
Ashland/61st/95th

Sylvester Brown, Jr.,
Mech Mtce/North

William Brown,
Ashland/61st/95th

Oliver Bufkin, Jr.,
Rail District/North

Bennie Calvert,
Lawndale

Joseph Chocolate,
Forest Glen

Larry Craig,
77th Mtce

Alvin Dickerson,
Kedzie

Cleophus Donaldson,
Vehicle Wiring

Frank Findlay,
Bus District A

William Greenwood,
77th Street

Edward Hayes,
Forest Glen Mtce

George Henley, Jr.,
Archer

William Hill,
103rd Street

Austin Jones, Jr.,
Ashland/61st/95th

Robert Mickey, Sr.,
South Shops

Don Motyke,
Skokie

Charles Parker,
77th Street

Louis Payne,
Rail Instruction

Rudolph Roberts,
103rd Street

Lettie Robinson,
Relief Area/Bus

William Robinson,
Skokie

Cecylia Ropa,
Finance

Elmer Shoemate,
Archer

Henry Smith,
69th Street

Michael Trice,
Ashland/61st/95th

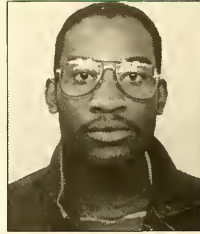
William Wade, Jr.,
69th Street

Carolyn White,
Agents/South

Commendations



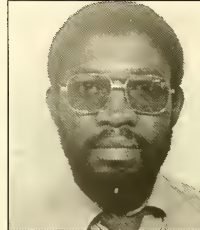
Russell Briscoe (Lawndale garage) was the operator of a No. 66 Chicago bus that M. Deacon, of West Superior Street boarded after being mugged on her way to the bus stop. "He was truly concerned if I was physically harmed, etc. He suggested I stop at the police station, which is where he let me off. Since this happened, I have observed that this driver is especially pleasant. He knows who gets on his early morning run at each stop. He cares! I can't tell you how much I appreciated the help he gave me."



Philip Stokes Jr. (Limits garage) was called "one of CTA's finest drivers" by Sandra Williams, of East Delaware Place, who was on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. Not only was he courteous to all the passengers, but he was also extremely professional as well as pleasant and exceptionally friendly. He was very clean and neat, and his uniform was well pressed. Besides calling out all the street stops, he included tourist sites and major attractions, which I thought was helpful to those who did not know the route."



Ruthie Williams (Agents North) was commended by David Reedy, who frequently visits Chicago from Alexandria, Virginia. "I have encountered her on several mornings at the State/Lake elevated station on the Lake-Dan Ryan line. She has often cured my confusion, provided excellent directions, sage advice, and always added a measure of cheerfulness and friendliness on an otherwise gray morning. Ms. Williams is one of the best goodwill ambassadors in Chicago, and an excellent spokesperson for the CTA."



Roosevelt Graham (103rd Street garage) won the approval of Rossanna Fulth, of Indiana Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 34 South Michigan bus. "He always greets you with a pleasant smile and a hearty 'Good morning.' The ride is smooth all the way. He is also very cautious, and makes sure his passengers are safely on the bus out of the way of the doors before moving. He takes extra care with our elderly, and he even makes us laugh and smile. He deserves an award for courtesy and kindness."

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Executive's Message

With so much attention being drawn lately to CTA's budgetary problems and others relating to summertime construction projects, it's easy to lose sight of areas where CTA's standout professionals make us leaders in our field.

We can all share special pride in the results of the 1991 APTA Maintenance and other Roadeo contests. The bus maintenance competition was particularly meaningful because Chicago was host to this year's APTA-sponsored event.

Just outside Soldier Field, where the Bears demonstrate their own brand of expertise on fall weekends, CTA's Phil Murnane, John Murphy and Tom Smith captured the top prize in August as the best maintenance team in North America.

We put lots of effort into making participants in the 1991 APTA International Bus Maintenance Roadeo feel at home. But we didn't let playing the good host keep us from outperforming all 33 guest teams.

And it's not only the APTA contest winners we're proud of. Competition within CTA reflects a high degree of professionalism, dedication and teamwork throughout the agency.

In the Rail Maintenance Roundup, for instance, we can't help but salute the first-place showing of Art Arduini, Jack Dorsey and Ernest Link, who were part of a team from Rosemont.

Another of this year's prizewinners is Robert Richardson, of North Park garage, who captured CTA's Bus Roadeo championship for the fifth time in a row.

The Lake-Dan Ryan motor-conductor team of Lawrence Washington and Harold White took top honors in the Roundhouse 18 competition, while William Reilly, of O'Hare terminal, was Top Notch 10 winner among ticket agents.

In reaching for the top, each of these winners demonstrated the spirit CTA looks for in all its employees: the determination to be the best.

Whether we're serving our riders operating a bus or train, cleaning a station platform, working in a shop or at the Merchandise Mart, we can all make our individual effort count, and build greater public confidence in the agency.

We don't have to be in a featured contest every day to have others notice that we're hustling. If we do the job we're expected to do, the results will speak for themselves, and the applause will be heard in many ways.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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On the cover...

CTA's winning Bus Light Maintenance team of (from left) **John Murphy**, **Philip Murnane**, and **Tom Smith** proudly display the trophy awarded CTA after the three topped other contestants in the maintenance competition. On hand for the occasion were (standing l to r) **Donald J. Sturenfeldt**, senior manager, Bus Maintenance; **David Hillock**, deputy executive director, Maintenance; Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**; **Dominic Vermet**, vice president, Bus and Coach Sales, Detroit Diesel Corporation; **Michael Hennessey**, APTA Roadeo chairman, and **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations.

CTA Hosts Fourth APTA Maintenance Competition

The Chicago Transit Authority hosted the Aug 16-18 American Public Transit Association's Maintenance Roadeo.

Thirty-four transit properties, including CTA, participated in the fourth annual APTA maintenance event, the first ever CTA hosted APTA competition.

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** said the competition brought pride and prestige to all of its participants. "Most of all, to participate in the Maintenance Roadeo individuals must work as a member of a team. No competition in this industry relies on teamwork as much as this does. Teamwork is also an important factor in providing quality public transportation," Burrus said.

Governor **Jim Edgar** said of the APTA Maintenance Roadeo, "Safety on our cities' roadways is of utmost importance. Programs such as this that test driving maneuvers and troubleshooting are extremely valuable. They benefit not only the passenger, but also the pedestrian and the other driver."

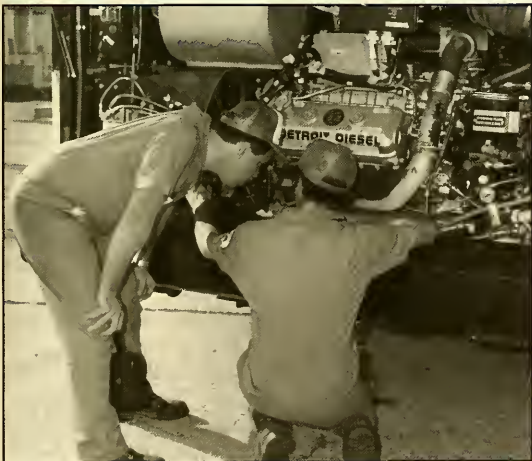
In addition to the maintenance competitive events, the itinerary for the weekend provided guests with an opportunity to get a close look at the City of Chicago. Activities included an evening cruise from Navy Pier aboard the *Anita Dee II*. Guests were also treated to "A Taste of Chicago" style lunch at Soldier Field, site of the competition.

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American Public Transit Association officials, maintenance contestants, and their guests representing 34 transit properties from across the U.S. and Canada joined CTA on an enjoyable cruise aboard the *Anita Dee II*. The outing was part of the entertainment planned for the APTA International Bus Roadeo maintenance program.

CTA Bus Maintenance Team Wins APTA Competition



Maintenance teams work to beat the clock troubleshooting an engine in the APTA International Bus maintenance roadeo power-train part of the event. Contestants were given 10 minutes to find the problem that prevented the engine from starting.

CTA's Bus Maintenance Roadeo team has won the 1991 American Public Transit Association International Bus Maintenance Roadeo. The event was hosted by Chicago Aug. 16-18, and conducted in the south parking lot of Soldier Field.

The Bus Light Maintenance team of **Philip Murnane**, **John Murphy**, and **Tom Smith** led 33 other APTA teams with 590 points to take the coveted honor of being recognized as the best bus maintenance team in North America. The trio has represented CTA in the International bus maintenance competition since 1988.

Presentation of awards to winners of the fourth annual APTA bus maintenance Roadeo was made by **Michael Hennessy**, the 1991 APTA Roadeo chairman. Hennessy is superintendent of maintenance at 103rd street garage.

John Murphy who drove the bus maneuver course, accumulated the highest overall individual score in the driving event with 240 points. The Support Services repairman completed the course in six minutes, four seconds.

Each member of the CTA team was rewarded with a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, an individual plaque, and an all-expenses paid trip with a guest to APTA's 16th annual International convention in Toronto Ontario, Canada. The convention is set for Sept. 28-Oct 2. In addition, officials of the Detroit Diesel Corporation will present the winners and

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Deshler-Davies of Channel 7 Host Maintenance Awards

Channel 7 television personalities Steve Deshler, and his wife, Janet Davies, were evening headliners at CTA's July 26 Maintenance awards program in the Palmer House.

Deshler, Channel 7's weather forecaster, and Davies, a features reporter, teamed as master and mistress of ceremonies for the eighth annual Bus and Rail Maintenance competition recognition night. The two set a lively pace for the evening with good natured fun and loads of appreciation for the service CTA provides daily.

Ms. Davies, who told the Palmer House audience that she rides CTA to work each day, began the evening with an introduction of the bus maintenance competition video. Later she and Deshler took turns introducing the five winning teams in each of the competitions.

The three-man Support Services bus maintenance team of **Philip Murnane, John Murphy, and Tom Smith** were again named champions in the 1991 Bus Maintenance Rodeo.

Each member of the winning team received a customized Seiko watch, and represented the CTA in the fourth annual International Maintenance Rodeo at Soldier Field, which was sponsored by the American Public Transit Association. The event was held Aug. 16-18.

Second place honors went to the North Park team of **Jose Guerrero, Ronald Vick, and George Leyva**. In third place were Kedzie honorees **David Patrick, Bryan Grabowski, and David Maynard**.

Taking fourth place was the 77th Street team of **John Ward, Duane Dooley, and Hosea Johnson**, while fifth place honors went to **Chris Nelson, Jeff Mimms and Lorenzo Ballard**, of South Shops.

Members of the second place team in both the bus and rail competition received a \$300 savings bond and a \$150 gift certificate. Likewise, third place winners received a \$150 savings bond and a \$100 gift certificate. Members of the fourth and fifth place teams received a \$50 gift certificate. Members of all five teams in both competitions also received appropriately engraved plaques, or trophies, and sports jackets. Bus Maintenance Rodeo Chairman **Mike Hennessy** said the first and second place teams finished with scores of 713, and 688 while the third and fourth place teams finished with scores of 624 and 620. Members of the fifth place team rounded out with a score of 599.

Awarded first place honors in the Rail Maintenance Roundup was the Rosemont team of **Ernest Link, Art Arduini, and Jack Dorsey**. Members of this unit will be the CTA's guests at the APTA International convention in Toronto, Canada set for October. Each person on the first place team also received a Seiko watch.

Second place honors went to the Rosemont team of **Joe Witek, Ernest Lorenz, and Joe Nicosia**. In third place were **Javier C. Garcia, and Joseph Lamch** of 54th Avenue terminal. Other rail maintenance winners were: **David Mazurek, Julie Velinske, and Lawrence Baker**, Howard Street terminal, fourth place; **Steve Grace, Joe Gragido, and Richard Jefferies**, 98th Street terminal, fifth place.



Television news personalities Steve Deshler(left), and his wife, Janet Davies, of WLS, Channel 7, assisted by Bus Maintenance Rodeo chairman **Michael Hennessy**, presented trophies to CTA's top teams in the annual Maintenance competition. First place honorees were **Philip Murnane, Tom Smith, and John Murphy**.



Prizes for second place in the Bus Maintenance Rodeo, presented by Deshler and Davies, are held by winners **Jose Guerrero, and Ronald Vick**. Missing was team member **George Leyva**.



Third place honors for Bus Maintenance were awarded to (from left) **David Maynard, Dave Patrick, and Bryan Grabowski**. Deshler and Davies also made the presentations.



Veteran winner Robert Richardson, of North Park garage makes it look easy as he collects his fifth Bus Rodeo first place trophy. He is congratulated by **John Perkins**, superintendent of Bus Instruction, and a member of the Bus Rodeo committee.

"Many of my co-workers said that if I didn't compete this year, they wouldn't have anything to shoot for," said North Park bus operator **Robert Richardson** as he accepted the Bus Rodeo championship trophy for the fifth consecutive time.

The 20-year bus operator, who will represent CTA once more at the 1991 APTA International Bus Rodeo set for Toronto, Oct 2, took some good natured ribbing from Executive Director **Alfred Savage** and deputy executive director **Elonzo Hill** for his vow last year that he would not compete in another bus rodeo.

Master and mistress of ceremonies for the August 2 program were three-time Emmy

award winner **Bill Campbell**, of WLS-TV, Channel 7, and **WBBM**, Channel 2 general assignment reporter/weekend anchor **Elizabeth Vargas**. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Sauganash Ballroom, where CTA management recognized the 58 top contestants in the Bus Rodeo, Ticket Agent TieUp, and the Roundhouse 18 rail contestants. Appropriate prizes were awarded to the champions and runners up.

The championship garage trophy was awarded to North Park Superintendent **John Baxter**. Other bus rodeo awards were presented to **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen, second place; **Henry Harper**, Limits, third place, and **Jesse Chin**, North Park, fourth place. Archer garage, with superintendent **Edward Schamb**, was cited as the garage with the highest percentage of participation in the 1991 Bus Rodeo.

Making the trip to Toronto as CTA's winner of the Top Notch 10 competition for CTA ticket agents, will be **William Reilly**, of O'Hare terminal, who topped previous two-time champion **Josephine Bien**, of Kimball terminal. Ms Bien finished second, and **Pamela McKeel**, of Harlem terminal, was in third place. Accepting the chairman's plaque was O'Hare superintendent **Dennis Closs**.

In the Roundhouse 18 competition, Harlem motorman **Lawrence Washington**, and 95th street conductor **Harold White**, who was also the 1990 first place conductor, took the 1991 Roundhouse 18 championship. Accepting the chairman's plaque for their respective terminals

were superintendents **McRayfield Caldwell**, of Harlem terminal, and **Alex Wilson**, 95th street. Among guests at the awards program were recently retired 95th street Superintendent and Mrs. **Ardis Morris**.

Meanwhile, motorman **Levi Wardell**, of Kimball, and conductor **Michelle Gardner**, of 95th street, placed second in the Roundhouse 18 competition. The award for highest terminal participation in the Third Rail RoundUp was accepted by Superintendent **James McClain**, of Howard street. **McRayfield Caldwell**, Harlem terminal, accepted the plaque for the highest participation in the Ticket Agent TieUp. Members of each second place team received a \$500 savings bond; third place \$250 savings bond, and fourth place, a \$100 savings bond.

Lawrence Washington of Harlem terminal is the proud winner of the first place trophy as top motorman in the Roundhouse 18 competition. Sharing the moment with him are (from left) **Arthur Hubbard**, Third Rail RoundUp, and Ticket Agent TieUp co-chairman; **Elizabeth Vargas**, WBBM-TV; **Bill Campbell**, WLS-TV, and **James Zepp**, also Third Rail RoundUp and Ticket Agent TieUp co-chairman.



Harold White, 95th Street terminal, is named champion conductor in the Roundhouse 18 competition. It was his second consecutive championship trophy. White is flanked by Mistress of ceremonies **Elizabeth Vargas**, WBBM-TV, and **Bill Campbell**, WLS-TV, master of ceremonies.



William Reilly, of O'Hare terminal was named the 1991 Ticket Agent TieUp champion. It was Reilly's second year as a contestant. He is flanked by (from left) **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations; parents, **Thomas Reilly**, director, Bus Personnel, South; Mrs. **Bridget Reilly**, and Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.



Lake Street operator **Eddie Smith**, the senior operator at Kedzie garage, says the comfort of the new TMC 4900-series buses is like sitting in an easy chair.



4900 series TMC buses have now replaced the 3700 series Flexibles that operated on Lake street for 22 years.

The end came suddenly on Lake Street. An era passed, but there were few mourners.

On June 24, after 22 years of service, the last 3700-series buses made their final trips and faded into history.

It was a long time coming. For years, the old Flexibles plied their way through the construction zones and between pillars holding up the "L." It was a miracle they survived so long. More like a tribute to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the maintenance crews at Kedzie and South Shops.

But when the 11th of 15 new 4900-series TMC buses was ready for service, that was all that was needed to retire the 96-inch-wide Flexibles that had been specially designed to pass each other under the Lake Street "L."

The new TMCs are also 96 inches wide, six inches narrower than the similar-looking 4400-series buses that were going into service throughout the city with lifts for disabled riders. The 15 buses on Lake Street were delivered without that feature because of their size.

"It feels great," said veteran Lake Street operator Eddie Smith, who was determined to stay on the job long enough to enjoy the new equipment.

"It's like sitting at home in your easy chair," he said, referring to the comfort of the new buses, with their adjustable steering wheels.

By the time he had finished his first trip, he was ready to relax and enjoy the new "toys." Having driven the drafty old Flexibles through so many frigid winters, he was no longer reluctant to look forward to fall. With 36 years of service approaching in mid-September, Smith is the senior operator at Kedzie, and figures he was owed some comfort as he neared retirement. Appropriately, the new buses all went into service in time for his birthday at the end of July.

"This is the best present anyone could ask for," he said.

Brian Marshall Heads Youth Foundation

CTA Management Development and Training coordinator **Brian Marshall** has been named executive director of the Emmett Till Foundation, a community organization dedicated to youth development.

Marshall said the purpose of the organization is to reach out to disadvantaged youths with the hope of giving them a new start.

The foundation is named for the late Emmett Till, a 14-year old Chicago youth who died at the hands of a lynch mob in rural Money, Miss. in August 1955. Marshall who was named to the post by Mrs. Mamie Till-Mobley, mother of Till, said the foundation presently sponsors the Emmett Players, a group of youngsters between the ages of seven and 17.

Marshall said the group holds study sessions after school to discuss the arts, community building, and other elements pertinent to success.





Transit Memories

In 1959, CTA ordered 100 propane powered buses from the Flexible Corporation which were to be numbered in the 8400 series. The new buses, which were five feet shorter than a standard bus, were the first CTA vehicles ever equipped with power steering, and were meant to be used on lightly patronized lines.

Bus 8499 which was delivered in 1960, represented a cross between two distinct bus designs, combining the body of a standard 40 foot Flexible propane bus with one that sported the "new look" front end and fluorescent lighting. In place of the standard under-floor propane power plant, a diesel engine and transmission were mounted in a spacious rear engine compartment.

Many features found on subsequent CTA bus deliveries were first tried on this vehicle. On several occasions, bus 8499 was even fitted with experimental propane engines as CTA continued to weigh the merits of propane versus diesel. Since none of the experiments were successful, the bus was eventually returned to diesel power.

Archer garage was the original home of Bus 8499, but the vehicle was reassigned to 77th street garage in 1963, where it was in service daily until 1974 before being retired to CTA's historical collection at Lawndale.

Bus 8499 was later used for an occasional charter trip sponsored by the Chicago-based Omnibus Society. In 1980 it was returned to active status for a short time with service on route 89, Northern Illinois University, and route 32, west 31st. More recently, it has been used at special events to provide fingerprint identification kits for children.



North Park Operator Finds Satisfaction In Musical Talent

As a part-time bus operator, **Raymond Mount** is a part of Chicago's great people moving force that plays a major role in the lives of Chicagoans who must coordinate busy schedules daily. He is accustomed to the daily action that most bus operators experience.

As an opera singer and commercial voice-over/narration talent, Ray Mount is part of the world of arts and entertainment which also moves people, but moves them along an emotional path to a different kind of action.

When Mount is not behind the wheel of his bus, he is behind a microphone, a camera, or on a local opera stage whenever possible. "I am especially fond of Puccini's La Boheme but opera roles, while they do come along, are few. The odds of making a living at it are amazingly slim, so I've begun concentrating a little more on commercial voice-overs and narration because that really pays the rent," he says. Mount has been the voice for Chicago Magazine, Deutschmacher Deli Products, Sportmart, Crestline Windows, Sealtest, financial institutions, and car dealerships to name a few. He has also had roles in corporate films for GE Nuclear Energy and Kodak.



Screen Magazine credits him with regional opera company experience. Mount was a voice at Northwestern University; he has performed in 67 operas as well as some musical comedy in his 17 years of touring.

As a CTA bus operator, Mount has worked the 145 Express morning run for the last five years. He says he has had the opportunity to meet and work with some of the finest people ever assigned at North Park garage. "If it is true that we are who we are in life partly due to the people we know and work with, then I have been truly

blessed working at North Park," he said.

North Park superintendent **John Baxter** calls Mount a gentleman. "He is serious about his business, and he is a good employee," said Baxter.

Although it is unlikely that the worlds of opera and voice-overs would normally come together, the talent and sense of enterprise of this CTA bus operator has made it happen, and **John Baxter** is proud because the operator comes from North Park, the garage of champions.



Softball Team Makes Respectable Showing In First Tourney



Larry McNeil crosses home plate as CTA battles the Chicago Board of Trade in the Tournament of Champions.



"I think probably we would have been victorious if only we had played as though it was just another game. Some of us were a little up tight because we knew it was a tournament game," said Affirmative Action coordinator **Ellis Kendrick**, a veteran CTA softball team member.

Kendricks was speaking of softball's Tournament of Champions which is played annually in Grant Park, a round robin contest that pits the best of the city's industrial softball league teams against the best. It was the Authority's first tournament berth after 11 years of participating in the industrial league.

CTA was edged 15-13 by the Chicago Board of Trade. The odds were greatly in favor of the Board of Trade for most of the seven inning game as CBOT led 11-2. In the fifth inning it seemed as though Trade's options might expire as CTA got serious and the game got hot. The Authority came roaring back 12-11.

However, the Board moved further ahead as it took advantage of CTA errors. "In the last few minutes we really defeated ourselves because, we just couldn't seem to relax," said Kendrick. "We had guys make errors who had not goofed at all during the regular season." The CTA team ended the 1991 regular season 12-0 which qualified it for the Tournament of Champions.

Team manager **Jim Price** said, "It was a good, close game. Sure its easy to say 'close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades,' but it was our first tournament, and we were excited about it, because we wanted to do well. In fact, I think we did very well, and we certainly had fun. Maybe next year we will have just the right combination to do greater things," he added.

Price said with experienced players already on board, who will perhaps be joined by others next year, it could easily make the championship difference. Team tryouts will begin early next spring, Price said. For additional information concerning CTA's softball team, employees should call **Ellis Kendrick**, on extension 3522.

Walter Lewis keeps his eye on the ball as he concentrates on adding to the CTA score.



Softball Team (cont'd.)



Members of CTA's Industrial League softball team are (from left): Ellis Kendricks, Eddie Chorak, Lamar Springs, Walter Lewis, Sam Ellis, Roy Bailey, Maurice Martin, Larry McNeal, Mike Ester, Eddie Watkins, team manager Jim Price, Gary Rubenstein, James Terry, Larry Opiela, Joe Jackson, and Joe Milbrook. Team members not shown are: Jim Fiorito, and Ken Bell.



AJ All Stars Take Title in Grant Park

The CTA A.J. All Stars Volleyball team, coached by Planning/Programs analyst Arliss Jones, of the Operations Division, finished the regular season with a 24-0 record, but was upset by Amoco Corporation in the playoffs.

The spunky first year team bounced back not only to win the the Grant Park Recreation Association Women's Volleyball League consolation prize, but took the Volleyball Super Bowl I championship. The recently created Super Bowl included championship teams from the Red, White, Blue and Green divisions.

The All Stars, representing the White Division, earned the championship title with their speed, agility and execution of volleyball skills. All Star team members were: Pam Jones, Grace Munson, Donna Murphy, Susan Cheek, LaTonya Lockhart, Lynn Crestfield, Tony Jordan, Joyce Morgan, Karen King, and Marilyn Lloyd.

Tony Andrews, of West Shops, a CTA employee for 25 years, was elected president of the Chicago Metropolitan Bowling Association. He is also president of the Chicago Metropolitan Area Young American Bowling Alliance.





CTA Board Member **Arthur Hill** (left), presents **Mrs Jeanne Ludmann** with a special certificate of recognition in observance of her 50 years of CTA employment, and a proclamation from Mayor Richard M. Daley which declared July 18 "**Jeanne Ludmann Day**" in Chicago. The Treasury department cashier coordinator also received five long stem roses, one for each decade of her employment. Others participating in the special recognition ceremony as the CTA Board convened were **Daniel Leffers**, deputy executive director, Finance; **William Buetow**, manager, Treasury, and CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**.

Donald Yabush, retiring media coordinator of CTA's Media Relations department, got to keep the old manual typewriter on which he wrote many stories during his 17 years in the department. The machine is expected to get much more action as Yabush undertakes the task of writing a book. Presenting him with the gift at a reception in his honor are (center) **William Utter**, senior manager, Marketing, and **Ernest Sawyer**, deputy executive director, Administration.



Employee Assistance Program Provides A Vital Service

The long established CTA Employee Assistance Program works well and provides beneficial service for employees, family members and other significant individuals in the lives of Chicago transit workers.

EAP manager **Michael Stroden** says CTA has one of the best programs offered by any organization, especially in the transit industry. "Confidentiality is assured our clients at all times," said Stroden who developed and nurtured the program from its inception in 1974.

Although attention is largely focused on EAP's involvement with people who experience alcohol and substance abuse, its staff of professional counselors are also able to provide guidance for people with legal, financial, and marriage and family problems. Employees with psychiatric, or other emotional problems may also find help through the Employee Assistance Program.

"We want to encourage individuals who are having any of these problems to seek assistance early before things get out of hand," said Stroden. "Our goal is not only to help find solutions to the problems our employees experience, but we want to keep them working; and the sooner people begin dealing with their problems, the better are chances of keeping them in the workforce. We're proud of our staff, and we're proud of the service we provide to CTA employees and their families," he added.

Stroden and his staff of certified counselors are located in room 781 of the Merchandise Mart. The group includes **Carol Cardy**, **Thaddeus Williams**, **Vince Barba**, and confidential office assistant **Margaret Lau**. Appointments may be made by contacting the office at 312-222-6114/6115.

Military Group Forms

CTA employees who are active, or retired members of the armed forces reserves, or national guard are invited to join the CTA Armed Forces Reserve Organization, a group especially tailored for the CTA citizen soldier, sailor and airman. Contact **Antonio Daggett**, Ex. 4642.

Lawndale Garage, Wilson Shop Take Six-Month Safety Honors

Lawndale Bus Garage and Wilson Rail Shop were winners of the Zero Accident Program (ZAP) Light Vehicle Maintenance competition for the first half of 1991. Both maintenance facilities had a remarkable record of only two employee injuries on duty during that six month period.

Seven Heavy Maintenance Shops reported no employee injuries on duty in the same six month period. Those included in Bus Heavy Maintenance are the Blacksmith Shop, Vehicle Wiring Shop, Unit Rebuilding Shop, Engine and Axle Shop, and the Radiator Repair Shop; and in Rail Heavy Maintenance, the Electronic Repair Shop, and the Paint Shop.

Eight other Heavy Maintenance Shops finished an eyelash behind with only one employee injury on duty during the six month period. They include the Rehab Area, Sheet Metal Shop, Upholstery Shop, Mechanical A Shop, Electrical Units Rebuilding Shop, and the Machine Shop; in Heavy Rail Maintenance, the Armature Shop and the Air Conditioning Shop.

These 17 Vehicle Maintenance facilities were rewarded with catered luncheons and participated in raffles at their respective locations which offered many valuable prizes, including several 19-inch television sets. The 77th Bus and Racine Rail Maintenance Shops finished in second place, and qualified for coffee and rolls as runners up in their respective light maintenance categories.

A summary of employee injury on duty experience for all light Bus and Rail Vehicle Maintenance shops during the first half of 1991 explains how the winners were selected:

ZAP Awards for January — June 1991 Number of Injuries on Duty

	Jan Mar	Apr Jun	Total	Total Hours Worked	OSHA Incidence Rate
Bus Garages:					
Lawndale (1st Place)	2	0	2	61,950	6.46
77th (2nd Place)	5	4	9	120,321	14.96
103rd	6	3	9	99,284	18.13
Kedzie	7	3	10	109,939	18.19
Forest Glen	6	5	11	109,308	20.13
Limits	4	3	7	62,708	22.33
North Park	2	12	14	122,441	22.87
Archer	8	4	12	100,366	23.91
69th	7	10	17	117,850	28.85
	Jan Mar	Apr Jun	Total	Total Hours Worked	OSHA Incidence Rate
Rail Terminals:					
Wilson (1st Place)	2	0	2	55,441	7.21
Racine (2nd Place)	0	2	2	31,277	12.79
54th	2	1	3	36,558	16.41
98th	0	4	4	44,972	17.79
61st	2	1	3	30,216	19.86
Howard	3	0	3	29,563	20.30
Kimball	2	2	4	33,646	23.78
Desplaines	2	5	7	40,454	34.61
Rosemont	5	5	10	49,188	40.66
Harlem	4	5	9	43,393	41.48
Linden	1	1	2	5,348	74.79

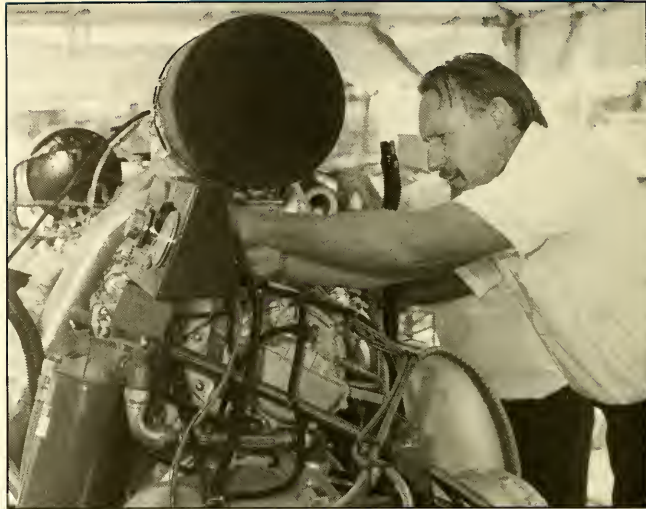
OSHA Incidence Rate = Number of IOD's X 200,000 divided by total hours worked by all employees at each facility.

APTA Competition (continued from page 3)

Michael Hennessy, superintendent of maintenance at 103rd Street garage, and chairman of the 1991 CTA Bus Maintenance Roadeo, was also chairman of the APTA International Maintenance Roadeo. "We could not have asked for a smoother operation than this event," said Hennessy. "Of course a lot of time and effort went into making this a memorable occasion for the CTA and our guests, but we had plenty of outstanding assistance," said Hennessy.

CTA organizers of the APTA event included: **David Hillock**, steering committee chairman; **Donald Sturenfeldt**, oversight committee chairman; **Georgetta Griffin**, administrative recording secretary; **Walter Frye**, transportation; **Virginia McGraw**, registration/orientation; **Linda Crysbeck**, reception/banquet; **Dennis Milicevic**, vendor participation; **Henry Gauthier**, **Bruce Kujawa**, and **Thomas Wilson**, site committee.

Others were: **Ralph Malec**, and **Terrance Muellner**, APTA Maintenance events; **David Maiden**, CTA Maintenance events; **Lynn Small**, Marketing; **John Kurtovich**, budget, and **Willie Wong**, equipment purchase/rental.



A CTA maintenance team troubleshoots an engine in the APTA International Bus maintenance roadeo.

Office Automation Phase Two Approved By CTA Board

The Transit Board has approved Phase II of the Office Automation project which will amount to about \$4,500,000. Over the next two years, OA II is scheduled to provide microcomputer technology (PC's) to several large projects, among them the Accounts Payable/Purchase Order and Inventory Management System (AP/PO/IM), the Bus Timekeeping, Extraboard, and the Pick System, the Graphic Scheduling System (G/Sched), and the M.I.S. Application Development Cycle.

In addition, planner, analyst, supervisor and secretarial staff will receive microcomputers to better perform their daily administrative tasks. The needs for this equipment have already been collected and an equitable allocation of units has been developed and distributed to CTA managers.

The equipment description, vendor information, implementation schedule, training classes, and departmental support procedures will be distributed as soon as the procurement documents are completed.

CTA Bus Maintenance Team (continued from page 3)

their guests with an all-expenses paid trip to the Motor City next summer to attend the Detroit International 500 Speedway race.

CTA Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**, and Deputy Executive Director for Maintenance **David Hillock** were presented with the trophy awarded to the transit property represented by the winning bus maintenance team.

A jubilant Deputy Executive Director Hillock said the Bus Maintenance championship is the first major APTA event ever taken by Chicago. Hillock also announced that APTA has been officially requested to sponsor a similar maintenance event for rail personnel. "We're asking that APTA explore the possibilities for such an opportunity because we think it is important that all aspects of maintenance be considered." Hillock added that CTA will send a Facilities Maintenance individual challenge team to Cleveland, Ohio next year.

Meanwhile, second place honors in the competition went to the team from the nation's capital, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which had 552 points. The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio, finished third with 548 points.



Staying Healthy

Bronchial asthma may be onset by several conditions. The exact cause is unknown. The wheezing attacks may be acquired or inherited, stated **Dr. Milton J. Sneider**, CTA medical consultant.

The stress on the bronchial tree caused by viral respiratory infections, exercise, emotional upsets, changes in barometric pressure or temperature, inhalation of cold air, gasoline fumes, fresh paint, cigarette smoke, or exposure to allergens (pollens) may bring on an attack.

Asthma attacks may occur suddenly without a known cause or they may occur gradually. The severity or duration of an attack depends on the cause and the effect of immediate good treatment.

Asthma patients suffer from constriction of bronchial passages which causes wheezing and shortness of breath. In most cases, bronchial dilators provide immediate relief by relaxing the muscles and help open up the lung passages.

Most asthmatics, through experience, know what to do when an attack occurs. Results of their treatment vary from good to poor. Thus, researchers are constantly looking for newer methods of treatment. Studies have shown that certain inhalants when taken in the dosage that was recommended are very beneficial and safe. If overdosed, the results could be tragic. These drugs are called Beta Agonists. Although there is a tendency to panic during a severe asthma attack—don't overdose. Follow your doctor's advice.

Home Show Discount Coupons Available

Discount coupons worth \$1 off the \$5 admission charge to attend the fall Home and Energy show are available to CTA employees at most work locations.

The show will be held at Harper College, Roselle and Algonquin roads in Palatine, Sept 27-29. Ideas on decorating will be presented, and products and services for beautifying the home will also be discussed.

Seminars on home improvement, decorating, landscaping and room additions will also be available to those attending the show. For additional information, contact Joyce Shaw, 664-7200, extension 3345.

Data Analyst Provides Hope At Work and Elsewhere



Henry Ward Beecher, the 19th century clergyman and lecturer, once wrote, "The world is to be cleaned by somebody, and you are not called of God if you are ashamed to scrub."

Conrad Joseph, a CTA rail maintenance data analyst, is not ashamed to scrub. When he's not at his usual post in the Control center, he is sharing his time with inmates at Pontiac Prison or the Cook County Correctional center, where he is involved in a prison ministry—scrubbing away the ugly images of life, and painting brighter pictures of hope.

He and his wife, Theresa, have also opened their home to three foster children, ages 16, 12, and 11, who also require their special attention. Likewise, the Josephs are the natural parents of a 17-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son.

Joseph, who joined CTA in 1983 as a rail service repairman, began his prison ministry a year later when he and his family affiliated with the Christian Reform Church. Since then he has been active with the Moody Bible Institute.

"I never thought I'd be involved in something so meaningful as this," said Joseph, who recalls that his commitment to prison ministry began during a chance encounter with a stranger he met while both were waiting for an elevator. "I was on my way to church here in the Loop which happened to be on one of the upper floors in a downtown building."

It turns out that as Joseph headed for the 'upper room' that Sunday, his chance encounter with the stranger, a grass roots disciple of ministering to the needy, was an opportunity that also led him to a life of dedicated Christian service.

"We attempt to make a difference in the lives of these inmates by listening, and by educating and showing that we care. The first nine months were perhaps the most difficult for me because I started counseling a man who was on death row for the murder of three children. However, as time went on, it got easier."

In his activities outside of CTA Joseph brings hope to those incarcerated and accused of crimes against society. On the job he brings hope to rail service personnel when there are in-service problems with their equipment. The information he provides by way of his video digital terminal helps rail crews to troubleshoot, and keep service moving.

CTA Car Repairer Was Transit Guide Photographer

A story in the August issue of Transit News about the recent Richard Kunz transit guide, Overhead and Underground, a Guide to Chicago's Rapid Transit, failed to mention that Howard street car repairer **Louis Gerard**, an employee of 20 years service, was the photographer for the publication. Gerard has maintained a long-time interest in CTA and its predecessors, the Chicago "Inskill roads" (North Shore, South Shore, Chicago Aurora, and Elgin), and most other electric rail operations in North America.

Gerard was born and raised in Chicago and has been photographing CTA and other electric railways for more than 20 years. He also collects vintage Lionel electric trains.



August Anniversaries

35 Years

Emile Domer,
Bldg & Grnd, North

Robert Heinlein,
Oper Comm & Power

Arliss Jones,
Safety & Tech Svcs

Frank Ramirez,
O'Hare

Anthony Ritrovato,
Claims

James Roche,
Consumer Affairs

William Sparks,
Racine Mtce

Leroy Wilson, Jr.,
103rd Street

30 Years

Robert Buergermeir,
Mech Mtce North

John Church,
North Park

Leon Gary,
69th Street

Ben Jefferies, Jr.
Bus Instruction

President Laura,
103rd Street

Robert Mischke,
Converter & Differentl

Terrance Muellner,
Light Mtce, North

Lawrin Riles,
Bus Instruction

Bernard Williams,
Oper Comm & Power

Alex Wilson,
Rail Pers., South

25 Years

Lorenzo Ballard, Jr.
Engine Shop

Orbin Bell,
Archer

Nathaniel Bradford,
69th Street

Eugene Cannon,
Archer

Thurman Collier, Jr.,
Paint Shop

Tyrone Culbreath,
103rd Street

Eugene Daniels,
Bus Service

Antonio Demarco,
Shop Service

Copeland Edwards,
Ashland, 61/95

Edward Farmer,
Forest Park

Robert Graham,
Rail Instruction

Tim Green,
Bus Pers., South

Charles Hunt,
Archer

Gilbert Jones,
103rd Street

Wayne Luster,
Limits

Gardenio Mata,
North Park

Willie Murry,
Howard/Kimball

Emanuel Porter,
Archer Mtce

Clarence Prescott,
Bus District B

Charles Price,
Ashland, 61/95

Ernest Randle,
77th Street

Wilburn Richards,
Ashland, 61/95th

Rita Ritrovato,
Operations Review

James Schumpp,
Comm Maintenance

Bobbie Sernek,
Bus District B

Biagio Tudisco,
Racine Mtce

James Vaughn, Jr.,
Lawndale

Howard Walker,
Lawndale

Stanley Warchol,
Vehicle Wiring

Lovell Washington,
Kedzie

Floyd Wilder,
69th Street



In Memoriam

Alexander F. Barr,
84, Forest Glen

John H. Bassett,
71, Ashland

Charles Brown,
66, Kedzie

Earsker Burgess,
46, Archer

William Cavanaugh,
85, 69th Street

Francis X. Clark,
88, S&E

Calvin H. Claussen,
79, Beverly

Enoch C. Cox,
70, Archer

George N. Davis,
77, Howard Street

Patrick J. Doyle,
80, Signal

Sidney J. Engelhardt,
86, Kedzie

Ann M. Fay,
95, Agents West

Kathleen Forbis,
75, West Section

Anthony M. Gallo,
87, South Shops

Peter Gaza,
73, Kimball

George Gustafson,
91, Archer

Melvin Gardner,
51, 103rd Street

Howard J. Hoepfner,
73, Near South

Albert J. Hymel,
79, 69th Street

John J. Jearas,
80, Limits

Martin R. Johnson,
90, CTA Police

Joseph Kemnec,
75, Archer

Andrew K. Kohlstedt,
78, 69th Street

Walter Kulikauskas,
78, Vehicle Mtce

Raymond W. Kura,
69, South Shops

Joseph Lee,
83, West Section

John H. Mack,
72, Trackman

John Maloney,
91, Trans. Pers

Alonzo Mays, Jr.,
55, Agents West

William J. McCarthy,
64, Beverly

John P. Miller,
88, Forest Glen

Marius E. Miller,
84, Beverly

Lowell A. Mulligan,
88, Kedzie

Clyde B. North,
88, Gen. Office

Norbert J. Ouimet,
74, Kedzie

Constantino
Paonessa,
71, West Shops

Charles W. Parrish,
75, 77th Street

Charles F. Pearson,
79, S&E

In Memoriam (cont'd)

William R. Pochordo,
74, Trans. Pers.

William F. Ryan,
87, 69th Street

Walter L. Schomburg,
83, 77th Street

John O. Shaw,
89, 77th Street

Mary L. Stanczyk,
63, Agents West

John S. Wisniewski,
74, Forest Glen



August Retirees

Richard Brown, Jr.,
Forest Glen, 32 years

William B. Brown,
Ashland, 25 years

Carl Fields,
District C, 34 years

Harmon R. Fisher,
Kedzie, 25 years

William H. Gerrish,
Howard, 17 years

Alphonso Govan,
So. Shops, 29 years

Charles Q. Hill,
Limits, 37 years

Jean F. Jackson,
95th Street, 27 years

Charles T. Jurkus,
So. Shops, 32 years

Harry T. Lacher,
So. Shops, 21 years

Steve R. Niepon,
Forest Glen, 30 years

Rudolph Pelini,
Forest Glen, 13 years

Disability Retirements

Frank E. Allison,
Oper. Planning,
21 years

Mary O. Cole,
Trans. Pers., 12 years

Mary A. Crenshaw,
Trans. Pers., 13 years

Alvin Dickerson,
Trans. Pers., 25 years

Rena M. McDonald,
Trans. Pers., 15 years

Melvin Tolliver,
Eqpt, Engr/Mtce,
14 years



September Anniversaries

35 Years

Billy Brandon,
Utility

Clarence
Buthman, Jr.,
Computer Operations

Clarence Crawley, Jr.,
Utility

Robert Harris,
Agents South

Willie Redd,
77th Street

Donald Ryba,
Forest Glen

Robert Smith,
Traction Power

30 Years

Samuel Caldwell,
69th Street

John Eiselt, Jr.,
North Park

John Gaudie,
Engine Shop

James Gorczynski,
Bldg Mtce, South

Frederick Jacobi,
South Shops

Muriel Szykowny,
Treasury

Louis Zoko,
Steel Fab. Shop

25 Years

Stewart Ayers,
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Lucretius Bell,
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John Betourne,
Oper Comm & Power

Marvin Chachere,
103rd Street

William Douglass,
North Park

Odell Duffin,
77th Street

Michael Farrell,
Investments

Leon Feagins,
Rail Dist., North

Jerry Feggin,
Doug/ Congress

James Fiorito,
Program Implement

James Gage,
Support Svcs

James Green,
Ashland, 61/95th

Archie Harris,
Forest Glen

Walter Husband, Jr.,
Doug/ Congress

Paul Ivory,
Kedzie

Torry Johnson,
Rail Janitor

Freddie Jones,
77th Street

Richard Langlois,
Howard/Kimball

Sherman Martin,
Lawndale

Herman McCord,
North Park

Danny McDaniel,
77th Maintenance

Frederick
McCollough,
Doug/ Congress

Abraham McKeiver,
69th Street

Arthur Patterson,
Kedzie

Alvin Potts, Jr.,
Bus Relief Area

Paul Raeck,
Converter & Differentl

Ronald Ramsey,
O'Hare

George Rivera,
Bus Relief Area

W. Robinson,
103rd Street Mtce.

Alvin Rushing,
Harlem Mtce

Vince Scurti,
Bus Support Svcs.

Edgar Smith,
Ashland, 61/95th

Howard Stratton,
Howard/Kimball

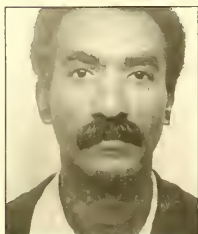
Willie Tucker,
Ashland, 61/95th

Bobby Wheeler,
77th Street

Commendations



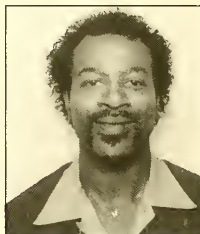
Woodrow Williams (Forest Glen garage) won the approval of Geraldine McWilliams, who works on South LaSalle Street, and is a regular rider on his No. 91 Austin bus. "He is most courteous and patient. Not only is he kind to older women, but also to young women, children, men, etc. And he always wears a smile. It is really a pleasure to see a CTA driver with such a positive, outgoing attitude. I say this knowing I can speak for most of the other riders. He is to be commended for a job well done. He makes my day every day."



Marshall Price (77th Street garage) was called "a wonderful driver" by Juanita Witt, who takes his No. 30 South Chicago bus on her way to work on East Monroe Street. "He sure makes my day. He takes the time to smile and say 'Good morning' to all his passengers. If he sees someone running, he waits for them. He is also concerned about those of us who take the Metra train at 91st and Baltimore. Thanks to him, I have never missed my train. It's little things like that that mean so much to those of us who are up early in the morning."



Lawrence Davis (North Park garage) was appreciated by Dorothy Haas, of Wellington Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "At one of the stops in the park, an elderly man using a cane boarded the bus. He walked with some difficulty, and paused to get his fare from his pocket. The driver waited for him to be seated before starting up. His action was quietly thoughtful. I have had a problem trying to get seated on a moving bus, and I am not handicapped. He also answered questions courteously."



Charles Howard (Kedzie garage) "has continually exhibited a human concern and courtesy with a pleasant smile," according to Percy L. Hines, who works on South Wacker Drive. "Arriving at the Van Buren and Michigan Metra station early in the morning, it is most comforting to know that he will be there waiting. He makes the same effort for passengers transferring from the 'L' at Adams and Wabash, and from buses at State. Other passengers and I extoll the pride, concern and friendliness exhibited by this operator."

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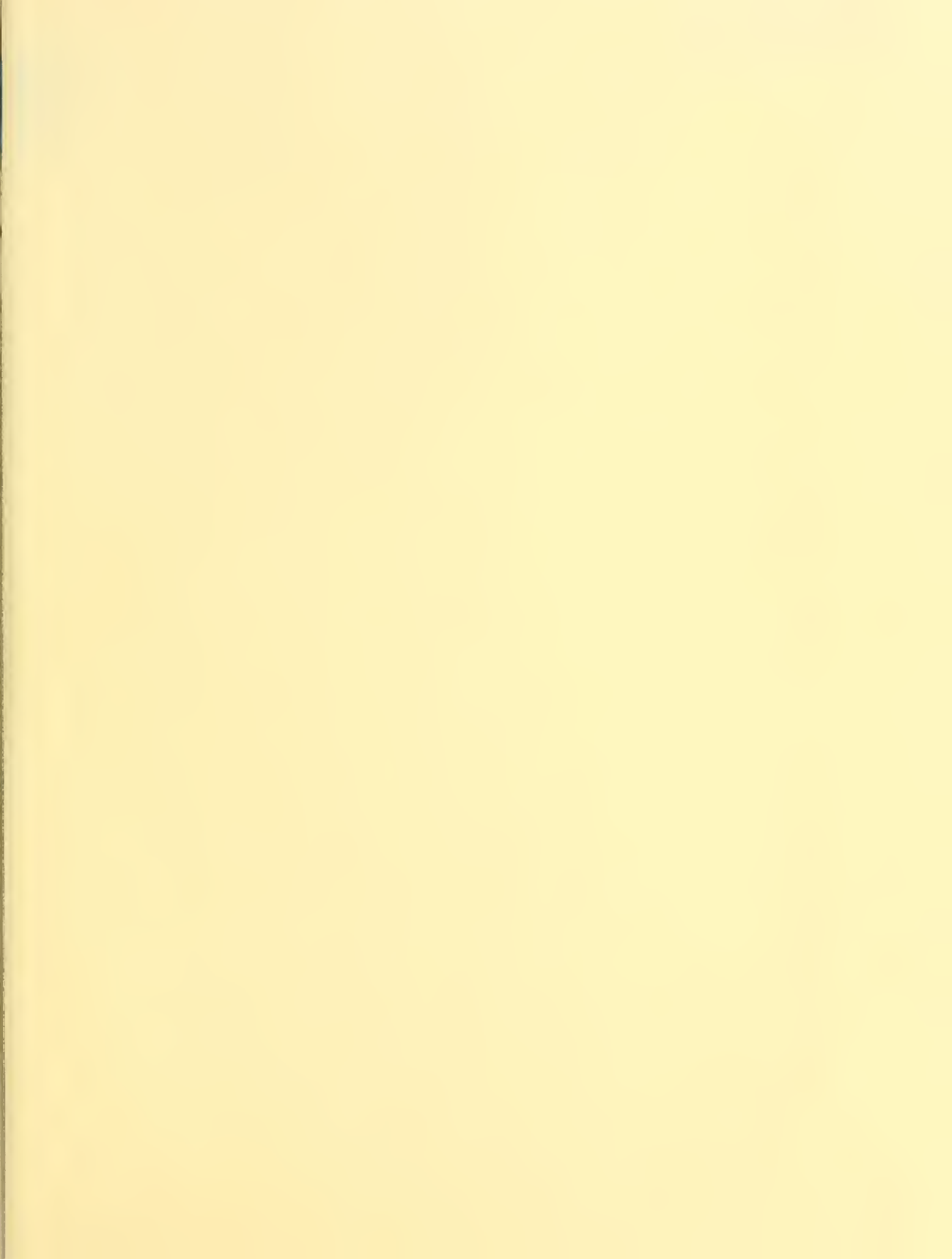
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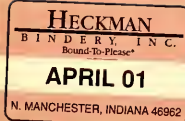
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